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NEWS BRIEFS

Man found hanging from tree in Panchkula

CHANDIGARH: A man was found hanging from a tree in Panchkula on Sunday morning, police said. A police official from Panchkula said the man, aged around 35 years, was found hanging from the tree near the gate of the Anti-Corruption Bureau Police Station in Sector 17, Panchkula. "Efforts are on to establish his identity... CCTV footage from the area is being checked. Further investigations are on," the official said.

Judge's mangalsutra snatched from Mathura temple

MATHURA(UP): A gang of women thieves who targeted female devotees at temples in Mathura was busted in a police crackdown after a judge's mangalsutra was snatched, officials said on Sunday. Ten such women thieves were arrested, they said. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shlok Kumar said on June 1, Prema Sahu, an Additional District and Sessions Judge posted in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, was visiting Thakur Shri Radharaman Temple in Vrindavan with family members when her gold mangalsutra was snatched.

Cricketer Rinku Singh gets engaged to MP Priya Saroj

LUCKNOW: Indian cricketer Rinku Singh and Samajwadi Party MP Priya Saroj got engaged on Sunday in a grand ceremony graced by a host of prominent political figures. The engagement, held at a hotel in the capital city, was attended by top SP leaders, including party president and former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav and his wife, MP Dimple Yadav. Other notable attendees included senior politicians Rajeev Shukla, Jaya Bachchan, Shivalp Yadav, Rajgopal Yadav, and cricketer Bhuvnesh Kumar.

Command Hospital Chandamandir saves life of soldier airlifted from Kargil



CHANDIGARH: In a remarkable display of medical expertise, the Chandamandir Command Hospital of the Army's Western Command saved the life of a serving soldier airlifted from Kargil with a life-threatening condition. Experiencing severe respiratory distress, the soldier was diagnosed with bilateral pulmonary thromboembolism, a high-altitude related emergency condition, according to an official statement issued here on Sunday. A team of medical specialists, led by Lt Col Purushotham, provided timely diagnosis and emergency treatment, including clot dissolution, it said.

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Manipur unrest: Protesters threaten to set themselves on fire, curfew imposed

AGENCY
IMPHAL/GUWAHATI/NEW
DELHI, JUNE 8

A group of young men poured petrol on their heads and threatened to set themselves on fire in Manipur's capital Imphal over the arrest of a key leader of the Arambai Tenggol (AT), a volunteer group of the Meitei community which faces allegations of participating in the Meitei-Kuki ethnic clashes.

Protests broke out on Saturday night in Imphal after the security forces arrested AT leader, Kanan Singh. The protesters burnt tyres on the road and blocked roads. Some Imphal residents also reported hearing the sound of gunfire.

In visuals of the protest, a group of young men in black t-shirts were seen holding bottles with petrol in them. One of them was heard saying, "We have given up arms. We have done what you're supposed to do during the floods. Now you're arresting us. We will kill ourselves."

Kanan Singh is the main suspect in the attack on the house of Additional Superintendent of Police Moirangthem Amit and the subsequent kidnapping of the senior police officer in February 2024. The same month, he served as a head constable attached to a commando unit of the state police before the force suspended him over "dereliction of duty".

Thereafter, Kanan Singh joined the AT.

A curfew has been imposed and internet has been snapped for five days in five districts - Bishnupur, Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, and Kakching.

The protesters referred to the AT



handing over firearms on the assurance of security guarantee of Meitei villages in the foothills in February after Manipur Governor AK Bhalla, under the President's rule, ordered everyone in the border state to hand over illegally held and looted firearms. AT members were also seen in flood relief work in recent days in Manipur's valley areas.

The National Investigation Agency

(NIA) is looking into several cases in Manipur, including against AT chief Koroungnaba Khuman.

The fresh protests in Imphal come amid a mass agitation by the Kuki tribes over the arrest of a suspected insurgent leader from their community from the border town Moreh for allegedly killing a Manipur Police officer with a sniper rifle in October 2023.

CBI arrests Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol activist from Imphal airport

NEW DELHI: The CBI arrested a member of Meitei outfit Arambai Tenggol (AT) on Sunday for his alleged involvement in various criminal activities related to the 2023 Manipur violence, officials said. Kanan Singh was arrested by the CBI at the Imphal airport, they added. He was immediately taken to Guwahati, where he will be produced before a court for his police remand.

Active Covid cases rise to 6000; Kerala leads tally

UNI
NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Active Covid-19 cases in India have crossed the 6,000 mark following a surge of nearly 400 new infections reported in the past 24 hours.

The country also recorded six Covid-related deaths during this period, with three fatalities reported from Kerala, as per the data available from the Union Health Ministry.

As of now, India has 6,133 active cases and a cumulative death toll of 65. Kerala continues to report the highest number of active infections, nearing the 2,000 mark, making it the state with the largest current caseload. In the last 24 hours, 378 new cases were reported from across the States.

After Kerala, Gujarat has emerged as the second-worst affected state, experiencing a significant rise with 105 new infections recorded between June 7 and June 8, pushing its active cases to over 820.

In Kerala, an increase of 144 cases in a single day underscores the high transmissibility of the JN.1 COVID-19 variant. Protein mutations such as NB.1.8.1 and LF.7, although associated with mild symptoms, are noted for their rapid spread.

West Bengal added 71



new cases, bringing its active case tally to 693. Delhi saw a comparatively modest increase of 21 new infections, with the capital's active caseload reaching 686.

Conversely, Karnataka reported a notable decline, with over 75 fewer active cases, bringing its total down to 366.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra is touching the 600-case mark. Notably, among the six recent fatalities, Kerala reported three deaths: a 51-year-old kidney transplant recipient, a 64-year-old man with diabetes, cancer, and kidney disease, and a 92-year-old individual with multiple comorbidities, in-

cluding heart disease and cancer.

All suffered respiratory complications and tested positive for Covid-19.

Karnataka reported two deaths—a 46-year-old and a 78-year-old male—both of whom had pre-existing heart and lung conditions and were found to be Covid-positive during routine examinations. Tamil Nadu recorded one death due to Covid. Respiratory complications were the major factor for these fatalities.

Health authorities continue to monitor the situation closely amid concerns over new variants and localised spikes in transmission.

Indian origin New Zealand couple to get royal honours for IT services

UNI
MUMBAI: A 'pukka Mumbaikar' Sunit Prakash and his Gujarat-rooted wife Lalita Kasanji — both dual New Zealand-Australia citizens — have been selected for the 'Members of the New Zealand Order of Merit' honour for services to the Information Technology industry and the Indian diaspora there. The Royal honours — similar to India's top Padma national awards — will soon be conferred on the Indian-origin couple by New Zealand Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro, the representative of King Charles III of the United Kingdom. New Zealand recognises the British monarch as its head of state. The broad group of awards called New Zealand Order of Merit was instituted by a Royal Warrant issued by then British monarch Queen Elizabeth II on May 30, 1996.

International Yoga Day programme in Kurukshetra will be historic: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said with swachhata and yoga, the country will move towards realizing the dream of 'Viksit Bharat' at a fast pace. Preparations for International Yoga Day 2025 have begun with the launch of a cleanliness campaign on May 27, and daily yoga classes are underway for the grand event on June 21.

When Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi proposed the idea of yoga at the United Nations, 177 countries agreed to it and today, yoga derived from our land has reached every person in the world. The Prime Minister has worked to spread the message of

yoga all over the world.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the programme of International Yoga Day in Kurukshetra will be historic and grand. Our ancient ideology is included in yoga. Rishis have given us yoga and meditation as a gift. By doing yoga, a man remains healthy.

The Chief Minister was addressing a meeting organized with various institutions regarding International Yoga Day in the auditorium of Multi Art Cultural Centre, Kurukshetra today.

The Chief Minister urged the officials of institutions, NGOs, business organizations and other organizations present in the meeting to play their role in making the programme successful. He also asked Patanjali



Yog Peeth to spread the message of yoga in every house of the city.

The Chief Minister said Swami Ramdev has done the work of spreading yoga in the country and the world. The arrival of Baba Ramdev on June 21 in Kurukshetra, the land of Lord

Krishna, is a matter of great pride for the people of Kurukshetra.

He said the theme of International Yoga Day this year is 'One Earth, One Health', while the Haryana Government has also added 'Yoga Yukt, Nasha Mukta' slogan with it.

The Chief Minister said people have started taking medicines to cure minor diseases, whereas those diseases can be easily controlled with yoga. Therefore, we all should adopt yoga. He said if we want to save our youth from addiction, they will have to adopt yoga. The Chief Minister urged the people of Kurukshetra to reach Brahma Sarovar and Mela Ground at 4 am.

Political, social, religious leaders pay rich tributes to the former Union minister, SS Dhindsa

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JUNE 8

The leaders of the various political parties and a mammoth gathering of thousands of people from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Delhi paid rich tributes to Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, who breathed his last on 28 May. He was survived by his wife, Bibi Harjit Kaur; only son, Parminder Singh Dhindsa former Cabinet minister to GoP & daughter in law Gagan Deep Kaur Dhindsa; two married daughters, including, Mandeep Kaur Sidhu - Tajinderpal Singh Sidhu & Ramandeep Kaur Dhindsa - Harshuinder Singh Brar. He was a veteran Akali leader, former union minister to GoP and the pillar of Panth, Punjab, Punjabi, Punjabiati. Due his soft nature Dhindsa was very popular among the masses. The tribute meeting was held at Gurudwara Nanankian Sahib here today.

The leaders, who attended his tribute meeting, mainly including, Aman Arora, AAP chief, Punjab unit & Cabinet minister to GoP; Sukhwir Badal, former Deputy Chief minister, Punjab; Akali leader, Mr. Cheema; Kultar Singh Sandhwa, Speaker, Punjab assembly; Tarun Chug, BJP, General Secretary; Hardeep Puri, senior leader of BJP; Hans Raj Hans, leader BJP; Arvind Khanna, leader BJP; Gobind Singh Longowal; Dera Beas, Chief, Gurminder



Singh Dhillon; Harnam Singh Dhooma, Damdami Taksal; Barinder Singh Hamdard, Ajit Newspaper; Dev Mann, MLA, Nabha; Simranjeet Singh Mann, SAD(A); Prem Singh Chandumajra, Senior Akali leader; Vijayinder Singla, Congress leader; Partap Singh Bajwa, Bibi Jagir Kaur; Sunil Jakhar, BJP, state President of



Punjab unit. Mr. Naib Singh Saini, CM of Haryana also came to console the family a few days back.

SS Dhindsa was born in the family of a simple farmer, Rattan Singh and Mother Labh Kaur on 9 April 1936 in the village Ubhawal of District Sangrur. He started his political career, when he was elected as the president of students of Govt Ranbir college, Sangrur. He served as Malaria inspector, health department;

Chairman market committee, Sangrur & Central Bank, Sangrur, MD and was also elected as the sarpanch of a village.

He was elected as a MLA from Sunam assembly constituency (SAC) in 1977 and became sports minister in the government of Punjab and again elected MLA in 1985 from SAC. He served as a Chairman of Punjab Planning board & Punjab State Electricity board. In 1999 he was elected as Rajya Sabha member and served as union minister

in the Government of India under the leadership of Atal Behari Vajpayee. He won the Sangrur Lok Sabha election in 2004. Dhindsa won an award of best parliamentarian and was an honest & a long visionary person.

Sartaj Singh Chahal, IPS, SSP Sangrur said that around 500 Police personnel were deployed to control the traffic and to regularise the gathering. On the occasion, a blood donation camp was organised and various social organisations organised Chhhabils of the water as a mark of respect to SS Dhindsa.

Parminder Singh Dhindsa, while expressing gratitude toward attendees for their presence and support said "I feel proud that I was born in the family of Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa and my father made a competent & responsible person. He further said the Dhindsa family is deeply grateful for your support and understanding during this difficult time."

CM Mann exposes Akali & Congress govts over treatment to SCs



BUREAU
AMRITSAR, JUNE 8

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday assailed the traditional political parties for remaining insensitive towards the welfare of economically weaker and underprivileged sections adding that these selfish leaders have always treated the Schedule Castes (SC) brethren merely as their vote banks.

Addressing the gathering here today, the Chief Minister said that those who had usurped the money meant for the well being of poor students in form of post matric scholarship scheme are confronting several health ailments. He said that this money is now being spent on their treat-

ments in the hospitals as they are facing the wrath of Almighty. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these rulers of the state were completely insensitive towards the problems of the common man and have always treated the SC brethren as merely vote banks.

Training his guns at his predecessors, the Chief Minister said that these leaders had built huge palaces by amassing whopping wealth by misusing their official positions. He said that the walls of these palatial palaces were high and the gates usually remained closed for the people. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these leaders remained inaccessible to the people due to which they were ousted by the masses.

"Dhool chehre pe thi aur aap aina saaf karte rahe": Maharashtra CM Fadnavis takes sharp jibe at Rahul Gandhi

MUMBAI : Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday launched a scathing attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations against the Election Commission of India (ECI), accusing him of consistently misunderstanding the country's mood and misplacing blame. Speaking to mediapersons in Hindi, Fadnavis said, "Ja-umr Rahul Gandhi aap yahi galti karte rahe, dhool chehre pe thi aur aap aina saaf karte rahe" (Throughout your life, Rahul Gandhi, you have always made the same mistake; the dust was on your face, but you kept cleaning the mirror). Earlier in the day, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav, strongly backed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations against the Election Commission of India (ECI), accusing the BJP of hijacking constitutional institutions under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule. Speaking to the mediapersons on Sunday, Tejashwi said, "Ever since Narendra Modi has become the Prime Minister, all constitutional institutions have been hijacked. Before the ECI announces the elections, the BJP IT Cell knows the schedule. We have our eyes on everything.

"Transformative steps have been taken for food providers": Uttarakhand CM Dhami highlights farmer welfare schemes at Haridwar rally

AGENCY HARIDWAR: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami addressed farmers during a rally in Haridwar on Sunday, highlighting various welfare schemes aimed at boosting agricultural development. "Today, numerous welfare schemes are being implemented for the benefit of farmers. Recognizing agriculture as the backbone of development, the Kisan Credit Card limit has been raised to Rs 5 lakh," CM Dhami said. During the rally, he also emphasized the government's commitment to the progress of the farmers. "For 60 years, no significant decisions were made for farmers, but since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took charge, transformative steps have been taken for our food providers. Through the Farm Machinery Bank



Scheme, up to 80 percent subsidy is being provided, and Rs 200 crore has been allocated for polyhouse construction," he further said. Criticizing previous

governments, he said, "Earlier, a rupee sent from Delhi would shrink to 15 paise by the time it reached the ground. Today, not a single paisa is lost to commission."

UP CM Adityanath highlights farmer-centric initiatives at Kisan Samman ceremony

AURAIYA : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday addressed the Kisan Samman Samaroh in Auraiya, highlighting the government's efforts to support farmers. He emphasised that farmers have become a crucial part of the government's political agenda since 2014 thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives. Adityanath did an aerial survey of the maize crop on his way from Lucknow to Auraiya.Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while addressing the Kisan Samman Samaroh, said, "You must have seen for the first time in 2014 that the farmer who provides food can also become a part of the political agenda of a government, when PM Modi started the Soil Health Card Scheme".He highlighted various initiatives of the central government to secure farmers' future - Soil Health Card Scheme; Prime Minister's Agricultural Irrigation Scheme; Prime Minister's Agricultural Insurance Scheme against crop failures and Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme, 12 crore farmers nationwide benefit from this scheme, receiving financial support.

Aligarh Police bust inter-district 'Pankhiya Gang', arrest 3 for 12 thefts in 15 days



ALIGARH : In a major breakthrough, police'Aligarh Police have arrested three members of the notorious inter-district 'Pankhiya Gang' responsible for 12 thefts in rural areas of Aligarh, in over 15 days. The three accused are being sent to judicial custody, while one other member of the gang was arrested earlier and is already in jail. The police have also recovered stolen goods from the possession of the accused. Superintendent of Police (Rural), Amrit Jain, revealed that one member of the Pankhiya Gang had been apprehended earlier. The four members of the gang collectively face 65 registered cases. Known for targeting villages near highways, the gang conducts reconnaissance at night and is infamous for executing two to three thefts in a single night. The gang members hail from Shahjahanpur, Bareilly, and Badaun districts. During the press conference, Amrit Jain, SP Rural Aligarh, stated, "As part of our zero-tolerance policy against crime, a joint operation involving police">Aligarh Police, the Dehat Criminal Intelligence Wing, Iglas Police, CO Khair, and CO Iglas targeted the notorious 'Pankhiya Gang.' Operating in the village areas of Aligarh, this gang committed nearly 12 thefts between April 25 and May 2.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed by Dr Prabhsimran Singh s/o Jasbir Singh resident of H.no. 21, Nabha Road, Patiala that his previous original sale deed no. 1600 dated: 29.07.2021 executed by Prem Singh s/o Ram Chand in favor of Veena Bansal w/o Jiwani Parkash Bansal, Renu Gupta w/o Nilin Gupta, J.P. Narula s/o R.S. Narula & Vikas Kumar s/o Dharam pal has been lost at Nabha. In this respect G.D. No. 014 dated: 13.03.2025 has been lodged. Now Dr. Prabhsimran Singh is taking loan on the above said property. If anyone having any objection to it, can raise or report the same to the Punjab & Sind Bank, Branch Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala, Punjab. Within 7 days from the publication Contact 7087015433, P0678@psb.co.in
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PUBLIC NOTICES
I, Army No. 15567528Y Ex-Sep Kulwinder Singh R/o Vpo. Naruana Teh-Bathinda Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army records my wife name wrongly entered Ravindra Kaur. But my wife correct name is Ravinder Kaur. So amended my wife name from Ravindra Kaur to Ravinder Kaur in my army records.
63372
I, Hitherto Known as Gitanjali Mishra W/o Harpal Singh, R/o Vill. Mallianwali, PO Bhagowal, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab-143511, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Navpreet Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
63372
I, hitherto known as Renu W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o H. No. 212B, Mohalla Gandhi Nagar, PO Chogitti, Jalandhar-I, Dist. Jalandhar, Punjab, 144009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Renu Bala. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
63372
I, Jatinder Kaur W/o Rashpal Singh R/o Taragarghi Road, Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143531, have changed the name of my minor daughter Janvi, aged 13 yrs and she shall hereafter be known as Bevi. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
63372
I, Smt Gurmit Kaur legally wedded spouse of Army No 1450933P Ex NAIK Nirmal Singh resident of Vpo Jaspalon Singh Khanna Distt Ludhiana (Punjab) I have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur to Harmeet Kaur and my correct date of birth is 05-01-1964 which was mistakenly recorded in service record by my husband as 18-06-1963.
63372

LOST & FOUND
Our registry document number 5392 dated 16.12.2020, 1574 dated 26.5.2010, 1575 dated 26.5.2010, 1577 dated 26.5.2010, 1080 dated 12.5.2010, 1081 12.5.2010 and 1628 dated 27.5.2010 of Sub Registrar Jagadhari have been lost. They have been lost near Model Town, Dussehra Ground, Yamuna Nagar. FIR number 132400502501701 has been registered in Yamuna Nagar City Police Station. If anyone finds them, they should inform Vandana Paluja, daughter of Dharampal Gupta, resident of 12, Silver Street, Tell Majra, Jagadhari District Yamuna Nagar.
100060

PUBLIC NOTICES
I, Army No. 14390594N Ex Hav Raghbir Singh R/o Vpo. Mothanwali (Moga) declare that i have changed my daughter's name from Dimanjit Kaur to Dimanjeet Kaur as per her birth and School certificates. Please make corrections in my service records vide PTO accordingly. Her Aadhar No. is 6532-7291-7301. This is for general public information.
63372
I, Meena Rani, Aadhar Number 718249885225 Widow Satish Kumar R/o House No 146/13, Ravidas Nagar, Tehsil Ladwa, Distt Kurukshetra declared that My son Sidharth is out of my control and involved in some illegal and irresponsible activities. I disown him all my movable and immovable properties. In future me and my family are not responsible for its dealings and behavior. He is responsible for their further dealings.
50008
I, Rambir Sharma s/o late Ramdhari Sharma r/o flat no 169/A Motia citi Singhpura Zirakpur Mohali punjab and Rajni Sharma w/o Rambir Sharma we declare that we debarred/Disown our son Kanishth Vashishth and his wife Radhika (D/o Mukesh Kumar Sharma Rohini Delhi) from our moveable and immoveable property because they are out of our Control if anybody deal with them he/She will be responsible himself/herself. We will not be responsible for any deal with them.
60013
I, Army No. JC-500051W Ex-Sub/Maj Sardul Singh R/o Vpo. Jai Singhwala Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army records my mother name wrongly entered Gurdip Kaur and wrongly entered DOB 23-01-1946. But my mother correct name is Gurdeep Kaur Ghuman and correct DOB is 01-05-1947. So amended my mother name & DOB in my army records.
63372

I, Jyoti Rani W/o Tarun Sharma # 120-A, Ground Floor, Prime City, Landran Road, Kharar (Mohali) have changed my name from Jyoti Rani to Jyoti Sharma.
900019
I Amit Kumar Sharma S/o Pawan Kumar Sharma R/o Wx 139, Shah Kuli Mohalla, Basti Nau Jalandhar Has Changed My Name From Amit Kumar Sharma To Amit Sharma
900026
I Sandhya Rattan W/o Amit Sharma R/o Wx 139, Shah Kuli Mohalla, Basti Nau Jalandhar Has Changed My Name From Sandhya Rattan To Sandhya Sharma
900026
I sujan kaur w/o Gurdeep Singh r/o Village gadhianwala urf bhagwanpura Tehsil Talwandi sabo Distt Bathinda have changed my name sujan kaur to Manjit Kaur. My correct name is Manjit kaur. Please note.
60018
I Satish s/o Prem Singh r/o Village Mohri Jagir PO Sitamr Moheri 25 Karnal Haryana 132117 have changed my name from Satish to Satish Kumar
60013
I, Parveen Kumar S/o Karam Singh R/o village Jamba, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Parveen to Parveen Kumar. In future I should be known and identified by the name of Parveen Kumar.
100070

PUBLIC NOTICES
ਮੈਂ ਹਜ਼ੂਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੇਸਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਲੇਵਾਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਬਟਾਲਾ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਦਾ ਵਸਨੀਕ ਹਾਂ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਲਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ 2 ਪੋਤੀਆਂ, ਪੋਤਾ ਵੀ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਮਾੜੇ ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵਾਂਗਾ। ਮੈਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰਾ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਮਾੜੇ ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵਾਂਗਾ।
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ਮੈਂ ਹਜ਼ੂਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੇਸਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਲੇਵਾਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਬਟਾਲਾ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਦਾ ਵਸਨੀਕ ਹਾਂ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਜੋ ਸ਼ਾਦੀ ਸੁਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜੋ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਮਾੜੇ ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵਾਂਗਾ। ਮੈਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰਾ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਚੰਗੇ ਮਾੜੇ ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵਾਂਗਾ।
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I Lakhvir Singh s/o Malak Singh r/o Mohalla Nawana katra ,kalanaur distt gurdaspur have changed my name to Raghbir singh
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I, Varinder Kumar S/o Surjeet Singh R/o.H.No.159, Majitha Road New Green Field Amritsar have changed my name to Varinder Arora
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I, Jasbir Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/O A-714, OPP. SOOCH HOSPITAL, NEW AMRITSAR, Amritsar, PUNJAB 143001 have changed my name to Jasbir is my Given Name and Singh is my Surname.
72737
I, Harmanpreet Kaur W/o Jasbir Singh R/O A-714, OPP. SOOCH HOSPITAL, NEW AMRITSAR, Amritsar, PUNJAB 143001 have changed my name from Haman Preet Kaur to Harmanpreet Kaur
72737
I Gurnam singh father of Gurbarteek Singh R/o V.P.O: Bham Teh. Batala Distt. Gurdaspur I declare that his given name is Gurbarteek and Surname is Singh..
72737
I AVININDER KAUR D/o DARSHAN SINGH, W/o ASHWANI BANSAL R/o H. No. H.M- 54, Phase 3B1, Sector 60, PO Sector 59, Mohali , Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-160059, Have Changed My Name To Radhika Bansal
666554
I Chitralekha Devi W/o Vishnu Dev R/o 53 preet enclave, Anaj mandhi, (back side) Kharar, SAS nagar Punjab, have changed my name from Chitralekha Devi to Rekha Devi.
50008
I Paramjeet Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Village Isher Hail Po Balhari Kalan, Tehsil And Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name From Paramjeet Kaur To Paramjit Kaur.
50008
I, Gurvansh Singh S/o Varinder Singh Resident of Village Johal Raju Singh Tehsil & District Tarn Taran declare that in my bank account number 1417104000027131 IDBI Bank Branch running at Johal Raju Singh in which my name Spelling was wrongly written as Guravansh Singh. But my correct name spelling is Gurvansh Singh. All Concerned Note.
50008

I Jasbir Singh w/o Santokh Singh R/o Bassian Bet Teh Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jasvir singh concerned note
111242
I, Sukhwinder Pal S/o Kundan Ram R/o H.No. B010-00427 Mohalla Kassayia Wala Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Sukhwinder Pal.
63372
I Balram S/o Vinod Kumar R/o Takhrran, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name as Balram Kumar.
63372
I Sanjana W/o Balram Kumar R/o Takhrran, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name as Sanjana Devi.
63372
I, Paramjeet Kaur D/o Gursewak Singh R/o VPO Daroli Bhai (Moga), I, Paramjit Kaur Alias Paramjeet Kaur Both names are mine And same Person.
63372
I, Swaranjeet Kaur W/o Gursewak Singh R/o VPO Daroli Bhai (Moga), I, Swaranjit Kaur Alias Swaranjeet Kaur Both names Are mine And same Person.
63372
I, Jasbinder Singh S/o Sohan Lal R/o Vpo. Ratainda Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Jasbinder Singh to Jaswinder Singh.
63372
I, Surjit Kumar S/o Ramesh Lal Patti Jasse Ki, Vpo. Bara Pind Teh-Phillaur Distt Jalandhar-144418, Punjab, my given name is Surjit and my surname is Kumar.
63372
I Simmi Devi W/O Ashwani Kumar Post Office Choru Tehsil Nadaun Bushal Disstic Hamirpur Himachal Pradesh Pin -177044 Changed My Name Simmi Devi.
63372
I, Neena Verma W/o Bhagat Singh R/o Sedha Niwas H.No. 23 W.No. 18 St.No. 1 Roop Nagar Khanna Teh-Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have changed my minor son name from Yuvraj Singh Sedha to Shriyann Sedha.
63372
I, Gaurav S/o Surjit Ram, R/o Vpo. Kahma, Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt.Saheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, I have changed My Name From Gaurav to Gaurav Sohal.
63372

I Neelam W/o Krishan Kumar Bhatia R/o h no 15703, Main Gali, Hazura Kupura Colony, Bathinda have changed my name Neelam to Neelam Bhatia.
63372
I Som Nath S/O Gurbachan Dass R/O Vill Rahalli Po Baddon Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Mehmi Som Nath. Mehmi Is My Surname.
63372
I Charnjit Singh S/o Gian Singh R/o Vpo Behbalpur Teh-Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Charanjit Singh.
63372
I Jaswinder Singh Gill Alias Jasbinder Gill S/O Bishan Singh Gill R/O Kular Nagar, Moga Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Singh Gill.
63372
I Bhola Singh S/O Lal Singh, R/O Vpo. Fatehgarh Korotana, Distt. Moga (Pb), I Have Changed My Name To Sarabjit Singh.
63372
I, Harpreet Singh S/o Sawinder Singh R/o Village Kot Dharam Chand Khurd Tehsil & District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Harpreet Singh to Harpreet Singh Kanda.
63372
I, Sunny Ghai S/o Amrik Singh R/o Vpo. Pabwan Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Sunny Ghai.
63372
I, Charnjit Kaur W/o Jasvir Singh R/o Vpo. Haripur Khalsa Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Charanjit Kaur.
63372
I, Sona alias Sunita Verma W/o Varinder Verma R/o H.No. 205 Gali No. 1 Bhagat Pura Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name to Sona Verma.
63372
I, Sunaina Devi W/o Sukhwinder Sourav R/o Vpo. Massani Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name if Sunaina and surname is Devi.
63372
I, Gurmeet Singh Hunjan S/o Jagroop Singh R/o Vpo. Kurar (Barnala) have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh.
63372
I, Mehakdeep Kaur Sidhu D/o Harpreet Singh Sidhu R/o Vpo. Hamidi (Barnala) have changed my name to Mehakdeep Kaur.
63372

I Jasbir Singh W/o Santokh Singh R/o Bassian Bet Teh Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jasvir Singh Concerned Note.
63372
I, hitherto known as Rachhpal Singh Sidhu S/O Gurcharan Singh , R/o House No-91-A, Near G T B Hospital, Shastri Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab-141002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rachhpal Singh.
63372
I Karmpal Kaur Bhullar W/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Allike Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Karmpal Kaur.
63372
I, Mukul S/o Rajan Nayyar R/o H.No. B-11/87, Near Takunj Peer, Batala (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Mukul Nayyar.
63372
I, Rajwinder D/o Raju R/o Sianiwal, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144040 have changed my name from Rajwinder to Rajwinder Kaur. My Given Name Rajwinder and Kaur is my Surname.
63372
I, Surinder Singh S/o Chhann Singh R/o Vill. Dhaut Kalan, Tehsil Payal, Distt: Ludhiana (Punjab) Have My Two Names Surinder Singh & Sakinder Singh Both These are One and Same Person.
63372
I, Kanchan W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Jattan wala Bans Nabha, teh. Nabha, Distt. patiala have changed my name Kanchan to Kanchan Sharma.
63372
I, Inderjit Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o 40 No. Phatak, Thuhi Road Nabha, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name Inderjeet Singh.
63372
I, Rajiv Batheja S/o Hans Raj R/o Ward No. 19, opp. Lala Sarkaru mall Sen. Sec. School, Shiksha Marg, Nabha Colony Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name as Rajiv Kumar.
63372
I, DUJJA DEVI Mother of NB SUB Name ANARUDDHA KUMAR S/O KIRSHNA NAND YADAV R/O PURE MEHERWAN ARDEEH, PO- BAIJAPUR, SULTANPUR CITY, UTTAR PRADESH-228001. Have changed my date of birth 01/07/1961 (mentioned in my son service record erroneously) to 01/01/1962 As per Aadhar card.
900028
I, RAGHUBIR SHARMA S/O CHIRANJII LAL R/O RAJOUND , SUB. TEHSIL RAJOUND DISTT KATHIAL (HARYANA) HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RAGHUBIR SHARMA TO BHEERA. CONCERNED PLEASE NOTE.
84451
I No 4194832L HAV RAM PRAKASH YADAV R/o Village Bayapur, PO-Dhunnu, Shahab Ganj Distt-Chandauli, State-Uttar Pradesh PIN Code-232118. My daughter name wrongly entered as NEELU in my service record. As Per Aadhar Card her Correct name is NILU KUMARI
778934
I Savita Maheshwari W/o Late Sh. Ashwani Kumar R/o H.No. 640, Ward No. 5, Red Road Ladwa, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have declared that my husband has changed his name from Ashwani Maheshwari to Ashwani Kumar. In future he should be known as Ashwani Kumar.
100074

I, KIRSHNA NAND YADAV Father of NB SUB Name ANARUDDHA KUMAR R/o PURE MEHARBAN AARDEEH, POST BAIJAPUR, SULTANPUR CITY, PO: SULTANPUR, DIST: SULTANPUR, UTTAR PRADESH-228001. Have changed my date of birth 01/07/1961 (mentioned in my son service record erroneously) to 01/01/1962 As per Aadhar card.
900028
I, DUJJA DEVI Mother of NB SUB Name ANARUDDHA KUMAR S/O KIRSHNA NAND YADAV R/O PURE MEHERWAN ARDEEH, PO- BAIJAPUR, SULTANPUR CITY, SULTANPUR, SULTANPUR UTTAR PRADESH-228001. Have changed name from DOOJA DEVI to DUJJA DEVI as per Aadhar Card
900028
I , RAGHUBIR SHARMA S/O CHIRANJII LAL R/O RAJOUND , SUB. TEHSIL RAJOUND DISTT KATHIAL (HARYANA) HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM RAGHUBIR SHARMA TO BHEERA. CONCERNED PLEASE NOTE.
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Vedanta power's TSPL advances Punjab's Green Journey on Environment Day



ISHWER GARG TALWANDI SABO: Talwandi Sabo Power Limited (TSPL), a subsidiary of Vedanta Power and North India's largest private thermal power producer, celebrated World Environment Day with a strong message of ecological responsibility and community involvement. A series of awareness and action-driven events were organized at the plant premises and in community as well, reinforcing the company's long-standing commitment to sustainability. To mark the occasion, a large-scale plantation drive was held at TSPL, witnessing the active participation of Punjab Pollution Control Board's Executive Environmental Engineer Mr. Ravideep Singla who along with senior officials from the Mansa District's Forest Department joined the TSPL team. More than 500 saplings were planted as part of the initiative, with plans to plant over 15,000 trees throughout the year. Employees and officials at TSPL also took a pledge to combat plastic pollution and adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.

Panthic Akali movement holds large meeting at Mehraj



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: A large meeting was held by the Panthic Akali Movement under the leadership of former Jathedar of Shri Akal Takht Sahib Bhair Ranjit Singh at Gurdwara Sahib Falian Wala Patti Saul in the historical town of Mehraj. Bhai Paragat Singh Bhodipura performed the responsibility of the stage secretary. The Hazuri Raagi Jatha of Gurdwara Gumsar Sahib delighted the congregation with Kirtan and later the Dhadi Jatha of Balwinder Singh Bhagta created enthusiasm among the congregation by singing Bir Rasi Varan. Former Jathedar Bhai Ranjit Singh said that if we continue to sleep like this, then the day is not far when our Panthic institutions will be taken over by foreigners. Due to our negligence, Takht Sri Nanded Sahib, Delhi Gurdwara Management Committee and Haryana Gurdwara Management Committee have already been taken away from the hands of the representatives of the Sikh community.

BJP District SC Morcha demands action against those who desecrated statues of Dr. Ambedkar



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI: BJP SC Morcha District Barnala, under the leadership of District President Dharam Singh Fauji, submitted a demand letter to ADC Barnala Satwant Singh to take strict action against those who desecrated the statues of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. Later, while talking, Dharam Singh Fauji said that recently a serious incident of desecration of the statue of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar has taken place in village Nangal (near Phillaur). This is not an isolated incident. Such incidents of vandalism have been happening again and again during the time of the Aam Aadmi Party government. He said that Dr. Ambedkar is respected not only by the Dalit society, but by the entire Indian society. Every desecration done to his statue is a direct attack on social justice and constitutional values. In this context, BJP SC Morcha Punjab has submitted a demand letter demanding that an FIR be registered immediately, against the elements involved in the sacrilege incident in village Nangal and their arrest. For the protection of the statues of Dr. Ambedkar installed throughout Punjab, monitoring of places, CCTV cameras and chowkidari arrangements should be made.

Indian Oil Safety & awareness camp held at village Cholta Kalan, Mohali by Landran Indane Service on World LPG DAY



TILAK RAJ MOHALI: In a dedicated effort to promote safety and awareness among LPG users, Landran Indane Service organized a comprehensive Safety cum Awareness Camp today at Village Cholta Kalan, Mohali. The camp focused on educating local residents about the safe usage of LPG cylinders, their proper placement and the importance of following standard safety practices. The initiative aimed to empower consumers with the knowledge to use LPG safely and efficiently in their daily lives. The event was graced by the presence of IOCL Officers ?Mr. Suresh Kumar(DGM,IOCL) Mrs. Neha Silekar, (Chief Manager,IOCL), Mr. Asheesh Vaid and Mrs. Sonika Vaid owner of Landran Indane Service.Md of Indane Gas service told in this camp Demonstration on correct placement of cylinders and stoves.Explanation of the DAC (Delivery Authentication Code) system for secure and verified delivery Guidance on LPG booking through 8454955555.

Public movement against drug abuse begins in Punjab: Governor

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JUNE 8

Addressing a press conference today at D.A.V. College of Education, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria stated that public awareness against drug abuse in Punjab is increasing, and it is now taking the form of a mass movement. He praised the strong measures taken by the Punjab Government and noted that these are bringing positive change in society, as people are uniting against drug abuse.

The Governor stressed that the drug problem cannot be solved by the government alone. Every section of society — parents, teachers, youth, general public, and administration — must play an active role together. He identified unemployment and idleness as root causes of addiction, and emphasized that connecting youth with employment



and constructive activities can help them stay away from drugs.

He also urged educational institutions to contribute by forming teams and sending students to villages to understand ground realities. This, he said, can potentially reduce drug addiction by up to 50 percent. Highlighting the vital role of mothers, the Governor said that mothers are the most influential figures in a

child's life and are crucial in keeping children away from bad company and drug abuse. He appealed to parents to involve children in farming, business, and sports, and to instill a strong work ethic in them. Earlier, while addressing members of Village/Ward Defence Committees, the Governor emphasized their critical role in the anti-drug campaign. He appealed to the administration to strengthen

these committees so they can play a decisive role in identifying and stopping drug traffickers. Governor Kataria described Punjab as a land of brave hearts, saints, and martyrs, which has always been at the forefront — from the freedom struggle to national defense and food production. He said that in order to restore Punjab's past glory and leadership, a decisive war against drugs is necessary.

Rs 9.50-cr chilli processing plant to boost crop diversification

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

In a bid to promote crop diversification and boost farmers' income, Punjab Government is set to commission a Rs. 9.50 crore chilli processing plant in Abohar by September 2025, announced S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, Minister of Agriculture and Food Processing, Punjab.

He said that the chilli processing plant, being established by Punjab Agri Export Corporation Ltd. (PAGREXCO) at one acre of land, will have an installed capacity of five tons per hour, besides provide a significant boost to the state's agricultural sector.

S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian highlighted that the area under chilli cultivation has been increasing annually, with farmers being encouraged to grow high-yielding varieties suitable for processing. As of 2024, Punjab's chilli cultivation spanned 10,614 hectares, the highest recorded area in recent years, yield-



ing 21,416 metric tons. Ferozepur district leads in chilli production, followed by Patiala, Malerkotla, Sangrur, Jalandhar, Tarn Taran, Amritsar, SBS Nagar, and Hoshiarpur. Ferozepur's average yield of approximately 19 metric tons (MT) per hectare showcases the region's efficient farming practices. The Food Processing Minister stated that PAGREXCO directly procures chillies from farmers and aggregators, leveraging a well-established marketing net-

work. The corporation is a major exporter of concentrate pepper mash cayenne (red chilli paste) from Punjab. The high quality and pungency of Punjab's chillies have led to increasing demand year after year, encouraging farmers to produce red chillies for processing.

Chilli cultivation has emerged as a vital component of Punjab's agricultural diversification, providing farmers with a lucrative alternative to traditional crops like wheat and paddy.

Chandimandir command hospital saves life of soldier with high-altitude emergency condition

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

Press information bureau (defence wing), GoI, in a Press release said, "In a remarkable display of medical expertise, the Chandimandir command hospital of Western Command (WC) saved the life of a serving soldier airlifted from Kargil with a life-threatening condition". The soldier, who was experiencing severe respiratory distress, was diagnosed with bilateral pulmonary thromboembolism, a high-altitude related emergency condition. A team of medical specialists, led by Lt Col Purushotham, provided timely diagnosis and emergency treatment, including clot dissolution. The patient's life was saved due to prompt action and he is currently stable and recovering from oxygen support.



The successful airlift of the soldier from Kargil to command hospital Chandimandir was made possible by the Indian Air Force's An-32 aircraft, which executed the mission at the edge of its performance envelope, showcasing exceptional professionalism and dedication. This remarkable feat is a testament to the exceptional medical care provided by the Command hospital, demonstrating its commitment to saving lives and serving those who serve the nation.

People appreciate Arora's performance at PAU Campus

SHARMA LUDHIANA, JUNE 8

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate for the upcoming Ludhiana (West) Assembly bypoll, visited the PAU Campus this morning where he interacted with people from all walks of life.

He was accompanied by Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar and MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai, among others. At an eatery point within the campus, Arora sipped tea and engaged with people in a relaxed and friendly setting.

He shared his vision for Ludhiana and presented a report card highlighting his achievements over the last three years. Arora assured the public that he would work four times harder if elected in the upcoming poll scheduled for June 19. He urged citizens



to remain in the city on polling day and fulfill their responsibility by casting their vote.

Arora and accompanying leaders highlighted the pro-people and pro-industry policies of the AAP-led state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. They emphasized that every section of society is reaping benefits from

these policies. Both Cabinet Minister Bhullar and MLA Rai expressed confidence in Arora's victory, stating that public sentiment strongly favours him. Speaking after the visit, Arora expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support he received.

He called the visit a "lively and memorable moment" and said he was encouraged by the positive feedback.

Rayat Bahra International school organizes awareness seminar on "Quality Education and School Administration"



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JUNE 8

Rayat Bahra International School organized an awareness seminar on the theme "Quality Education and School Administration," in which all the teachers of the school actively participated. The objective of the seminar was to enhance the quality of education and promote effective leadership within school administration. Campus Director Chander Mohan welcomed the esteemed guests at the beginning of the seminar and empha-

sized the importance of innovative strategies for academic excellence and administrative growth. On this occasion, former MP Avinash Rai Khanna, Dr. Ritu, and Des Raj Sharma addressed the teachers, shedding light on the current educational practices and the vital role of school administrators in nurturing the mental and moral development of students. They stressed the need for a student-centered approach, continuous teacher training, and the integration of moral values and technology in classrooms.

Authenticity of experience found in Prem Vij's representative poems: Dr. Manmohan Singh



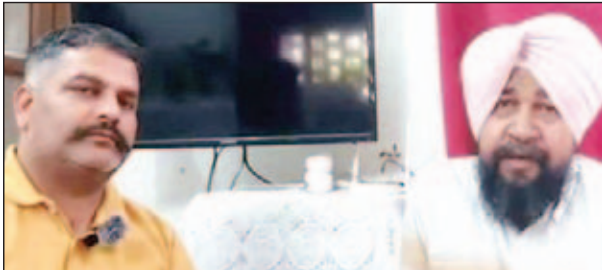
CHANDIGARH: The poetry collection "Prem Vij ki Pratidhiti Kavitayen" (Representative Poems of Prem Vij), edited by renowned litterateur Acharya Rajesh Kumar, was officially released today at Sector 43-A. The event was organized by Samvad Sahitya Manch and Acharya Kul Sanstha, Chandigarh.

The chief guest for the occasion was noted writer Jaswant Singh "Zafar", Director of the Department of Languages, Punjab. The event was presided over by senior literary figure, thinker, and Chairman of the Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi, Dr. Manmohan Singh. Special guests included K.K. Sharda (Presi-

dent, Acharya Kul), Dr. Sarita Mehta (President, Vidya Dham, USA), and Councillor Premlata.

The event was anchored by poet Dr. Sangeeta Sharma Kundra "Geet", and a paper on the book was presented by acclaimed poet Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma. The program began with a Saraswati Vandana sung by Pallavi Rampal, followed by the formal release of the book. While presenting the paper, Dr. Vinod Sharma evaluated the poems, noting that they reflect themes of women's discourse, social, cultural, and ideological concerns, all expressed with depth in both language and emotion.

Spiritual Author, Dr. Harshvinder Singh Pathania visits Vidya Mandir School on Founder's Day



BUREAU HOSHIARPUR, JUNE 8

On the occasion of Founder's Day at Vidya Mandir School, renowned spiritual author and social thinker Dr. Harshvinder Singh Pathania graced the event and shared deep insights from his life journey and literary pursuits.

Dr. Pathania recalled that his early education began at Army School, Jammu, owing to his father's service in the Indian Army. After his father's retirement, he continued his schooling at DAV School, Hoshiarpur, while spending significant time at

his maternal home. It was there that he developed a passion for reading during frequent visits to the library with his maternal uncle, Shri Ratn Singh Rajput.

This love for books laid the foundation for his lifelong journey in education, literature, and service.

An academic scholar with multiple postgraduate degrees in five different subjects, Dr. Pathania holds a Ph.D. in Economics. His literary work, "Yogi Ki Amar Katha," earned him the honorary title of Vidya Vachaspati (Doctor) from Vikramshila University.

IIT Ropar hosts meaningful media interaction; focus on innovation, indigenous tech and tantalum deposits

DEVENDRA SHARMA RUPNAGAR, JUNE 8

A significant media interaction was organised today at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar, drawing participation from over 21 leading media professionals across Punjab and the region. The session included a candid and constructive dialogue with Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director of IIT Ropar, and Prof. Pushpendra Pal Singh, Dean (Operations, Alumni, Placements, and Strategy - CAPS).

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Ahuja emphasized that "Punjab must lead the country in innovation and become India's most innovative state." He reaffirmed the institute's mission to push boundaries in research, innovation, and indigenous manufacturing, highlighting the importance of reducing India's dependence on imports by creating a strong domestic manufacturing ecosystem.



Key initiatives of IIT Ropar were discussed, including AI-based solutions in agriculture, ambitious plans for drone manufacturing and training, and the institute's commitment to building an innovation-driven environment that supports startups, MSMEs, entrepreneurs, and ecosystem stakeholders. Speaking on the broader educational context, Prof. Ahuja underlined the urgent need for a skilled workforce in India. He cited the success of the institute's AI Minor courses, open to all learners nation-

wide, and spoke about the B.Sc.-B.Ed. program, aimed at producing well-trained and passionate educators to counteract the growing trend of 'accidental teaching'. Additionally, a new program in digital agriculture is set to launch this July. One of the notable revelations during the session was a civil engineering research project related to the discovery of tantalum metal deposits near the Sutlej River, a significant development with potential strategic importance for India's technological growth.

Punjab police places Shiv Sena leader Arvind Gautam under house arrest



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Shiv Sena Punjab Youth State Chairman Arvind Gautam, while giving information, said that today Punjab police came at their residence at 5 in the morning with heavy police force and Placed him under house arrest.Gautam said that he had more than 200 people to be taken out for the Tiranga Yatra from Mohali Phase 6 Durga Mata Temple, which was to go to Kharar Ambika Devi Gaushala, where the convoy was reinforced by Rajesh Malik, Shiv Sena Punjab District Mohali President, Dinesh Khushwaha, Kamgar Sena Mohali President and Bhopinder Sharma, National Advisor of Shiv Sena Punjab, along with their colleagues. The convoy was to reach Morinda, Kurali, Ropar, where a large gathering was to be attended by National President Sanjeev Ghanoli in this yatra and after that, Sanjeev Ghanoli would pay tribute to the paramilitary, CRPF and Punjab Police personnel martyred in the Blue Star Operation in Nawanshahr Shiv Mandir.

Gautam said that the Punjab government is discriminating against Hindus, Hindus are feeling enslaved in Punjab and the Aam Aadmi Party, elected by the Hindus of Punjab, will have to suffer a heavy defeat in the 2027 assembly elections.



ASHISHPURI KAPURTHALA, JUNE 8

Kapurthala Police achieved a major success when criminal, accused of bank robbery was arrested and a sensational heinous case was cracked after intensive investigation and raids across multiple districts in Punjab.

Gaurav Toora IPS, SSP Kapurthala briefed the media that an information was received on 30.5.2025 in Police Station Rawalpindi from the Bank Manager of HDFC

Branch at village Rehana Jattan, that three unknown persons came to the Bank around 3 PM and committed robbery at gun point and led away on a white Verna car with huge cash. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the information, FIR no 45 dated 30.5.25 u/s 309(4) BNS PS Rawalpindi was registered and special teams were constituted immediately under Prabhjot Singh Virk SP D Kapurthala and Rupinder Kaur Bhatti SP Phagwara which included Bharat Bhushan DSP Phagwara, Parminder Singh

Robbery of Rs 70 lakhs in Kapurthala's Sarafan Bazaar, watchman held hostage

KAPURTHALA: In a major robbery incident early this morning around 4 AM in Kapurthala's sarafan(jewellers) Bazaar, five armed miscreants arrived in a car and held the market's watchman, Bahadur, hostage at gunpoint. They broke the shutter of a jewellery shop and took away a safe containing valuables. It is reported that the safe held gold and silver ornaments worth several lakhs of rupees. Upon receiving information about the incident, DSP (Subdivision) Deepkaran Singh and the City Police team reached



the spot and began an investigation. DSP Deepkaran confirmed the incident and stated that his team is reviewing the CCTV footage from cameras installed in and around the crime scene. According to available information, the miscreants targeted Singh Jewellers, located near a bank in Sarafa Bazaar.

DSP Detective Kapurthala, Insp Jarnail Singh I/c CIA Kapurthala and SHO Rawalpindi SI Major Singh. The spot was visited by the teams. Detailed investigation was done

through Technical and Human intelligence. CCTV footage trails were followed intensively up to about 150 kms from the site of crime. The Bank officials ,after their internal scrutiny ,

reported that a total of Rs 38,34,900 were robbed by the accused. Carrying out a detailed investigation, Kapurthala Police zeroed down on one Gurminder Singh s/o Kuldeep Singh r/o village Kahlwan, PS Kartarpur District Jalandhar. Raid was conducted and the said accused was arrested on 07.06.2025. Out of total robbed cash, Rs 13,10,000 lakhs were recovered from the accused. Also a country made pistol of calibre 7.65mm, used in crime was recovered from the accused on his disclosure. During investigation, the other two accused have also been identified . It was also revealed by Gurminder that the white verna car used in the crime belonged to one of the other two accused and the number plates were changed by the accused before the crime to dodge the police investigation. Raids are being conducted and the other two accused shall also be arrested very soon.

Lehra Gaga police station SHO Inspector Ranveer Singh gets promotion, becomes DSP

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA: The Police Department has promoted Inspector Ranveer Singh SHO of Lehra Gaga Police Station, to the rank of DSP. When the news of Ranveer Singh becoming DSP came to light in the



area, people from every political, social, religious and community organization started congratulating him on becoming DSP. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Ranveer Singh has served as SHO in Lehra Gaga Police Station twice. During his duty, he has treated everyone with humility. He has also been very active in preventing drugs and all kinds of crimes in the area. Due to his humility, friendly nature and humble behavior, today, S. There was a crowd of people congratulating Ranveer Singh on becoming DSP.

Commission Chairman to visit village Nangal Gate, Phillaur on June 10

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission Chairman Mr. Jasvir Singh Garhi is visiting village Nangal Gate (Main Road, Near Government School) under Sub-Division Phillaur on 10th June 2025 at 10 am. During this visit, the Chairman will review the incident of



tampering with the statue of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ji in the past.

Harsimrat Kaur Badal issues grant of Rs. 2.5 lakh to Kothe Mandi Kalan Panchayat



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Lok Sabha MP from Bathinda constituency Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal has recommended the release of a grant of Rs. 2.5 lakh from her quota for the library of Kothe Mandi Kalan, thanks to the efforts of former cabinet minister Janmeja Singh Sekhon from Maur constituency. Mrs. Badal issued a letter of approval in this regard to Sarpanch of Kothe Mandi Kalan Jaswant Dard Preet at her residence, Badal village, Harvinder Dhillon also arrived with the Sarpanch. Mrs. Badal said on this occasion that it is very important for every person to be aware for the strengthening of democracy and non-formal education also plays a special role in this awareness.

Anti-dengue awareness in government and private hospitals



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: As per the directions of Civil Surgeon Bathinda, District Health Officer Dr. Usha Goyal, District Epidemiologist Dr. Sukriti Sharma, Senior Medical Officer Bhagta Bhaika Dr. Seema Gupta and Senior Medical Officer Rampura Phul Dr. Guninder Reet Kaur, a team of the Health Department visited the government hospitals of Rampura city, private hospitals Gobind and Joint Hospital, Gaurav Diagnostic, Dr. Sakshi Dental and Cosmetic Clinic, Dr. Tanu Garg Hospital, Naveen Garg Memorial Hospital, Singla Hospital, Ashirwad Hospital, Sandhu Nursing Home Rampura Phul and created anti-dengue awareness. On this occasion, Multipurpose Health Supervisor Balvir Singh Sandhu Kalan said that by preventing the breeding of mosquitoes, the society can be saved from dengue and malaria.

Tree Plantation programme held at Sudesh Vatika Convent School



ISHWAR GARG TALWANDI SABO: On the occasion of World Environment Day, Sudesh Vatika Convent School organized a tree plantation drive within the school premises. The school principal and teachers, enthusiastically participated by planting a variety of saplings. The school Principal encouraged students to plant trees, take care of them, and maintain a clean and healthy environment. He said, "Trees are an integral part of our life. Planting trees not only makes the earth greener but also ensures a healthy environment for future generations." He also urged every student to plant at least one tree and take personal responsibility for its care. The school administration committed to continuing such activities in the future to raise awareness about environmental conservation among students.

State govt committed to welfare of SCs : CM Mann

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, JUNE 8

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday said that the state government is working untiringly for the well being of the weaker and underprivileged sections of the state and no stone is being left unturned for them.

Addressing the gathering during a function to hand over certificates of loan waiver to the beneficiaries here, the Chief Minister said that the state government is serving the people with missionary zeal to empower the common man. Bhagwant Singh Mann hoped that the state government is using its pen for helping the needy and underprivileged sections of society. He said that the state government is ensuring maximum welfare of the public so that every section of society is benefited from it. The Chief Minister said that earlier the



loans of the affluent people were waived off by the rulers and they didn't bother about the welfare of poor people. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that for the first time in the history of the state this reprieve has been given to the underprivileged and weaker sections of the state. He said that this is because the budget of the state has been kept for

welfare of the common man adding that the state government is spending every single penny of state exchequer is being spent on public welfare.

The Chief Minister unequivocally said that the state government is according top priority to the education sector as it is imperative for the well being of the weaker and underprivileged sections. He

said that Education is key for the success of every individual and no stone will be left unturned to ensure quality education to every youth of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has ample funds for strengthening and rejuvenating the education system in the state. The Chief Minister quipped that such functions of

public importance and happiness were rare during the last regimes. However, he said that a new era has ushered in now when new projects are being dedicated to the public by the government and youth are getting jobs. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this is a glimpse of Rangla Punjab and the state government is now leaving no stone unturned for facilitating the people by organising such days of happiness.

The Chief Minister said that this loan waiver worth Rs 67.84 crore has benefited around 4,800 families adding that this is Waiver of Loans Disbursed up to March 31, 2020, for loanees of the Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development & Finance Corporation (PSCFC). He said that the waiver covers all loans disbursed by the PSCFC up to the mentioned date, offering significant relief to SC and Divyangyan (persons with disabilities) loanees.

CM Slams Akalis for reducing SGPC to "Shiromani Golak Prabhandak Committee" for their greed



AMRITSAR, JUNE 8

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday strongly criticized Akali leaders, accusing them of reducing the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) to a mere "Shiromani Golak Prabandhak Committee" out of their greed for money. Addressing a public gathering, the Chief Minister alleged that the Badals misused their political power to interfere in religious affairs, including manipulating the appointment of Jathedars of Sri Akal Takht Sahib to suit their personal interests. He claimed that the Akalis, driven by financial motives, have degraded the sanctity of the SGPC and misused both it and Sri Akal Takht Sahib for narrow political gains. Bhagwant Singh Mann accused them of twisting the directives of Sri Akal Takht

Sahib to deceive the public and serve their own agendas.

The Chief Minister further stated that the Akalis have looted not only the state exchequer but also funds belonging to religious institutions. He criticized their tenure, saying it was marked by political and religious exploitation, which caused significant harm to Punjab. Bhagwant Singh Mann said the Akali leadership symbolizes a legacy where the poor were neglected while the powerful looted the state with impunity. The Chief Minister said that the Akalis exploited the underprivileged and weaker sections of society adding that they are now facing the consequences of their actions. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the people of state will never forgive the Akalis for the crimes committed by them against the state and its residents.

Three killed, one injured in road accident



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JUNE 8

A Scorpio hit two women who were walking near Madhopur Kuliya village in Sujanpur late on Saturday evening, resulting in one woman dying in the hospital while the other woman is admitted to a private hospital.

After that, the same Scorpio car crashed into a wall, killing two young men in the Scorpio on the spot. According to information, the deceased was coming from Madhopur Kuliya with his friends on Saturday evening when Nirmala Kumari and Anju Bala, who were walking

there, were hit by a Scorpio car and after that the car lost control and crashed into a wall. In this accident, Scorpio rider Karan Bhagat, a resident of Kailashpur Sujanpur, died on the spot, while Mahesh Kumar, a resident of Sujanpur, and the injured Nirmala Kumari died in the hospital. While the injured Anju Bala is undergoing treatment at a private hospital, she has injuries on her head and leg. Devraj, father-in-law of the deceased Nirmala Kumari, said that his daughter-in-law Nirmala Kumari was walking with Anju Bala at around 7:30 pm when a speeding Scorpio hit her.

Barinder Goyal in shock, brother's daughter-in-law dies suddenly

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, JUNE 8

Punjab government cabinet minister Advocate Barinder Goyal got a big shock when the Brother younger daughter-in-law and mother of only son, Monika Goyal, died suddenly due to a heart attack. Monika Goyal's last rites were performed at the local crematorium today.

Thousands of city residents and relatives attended Monika Goyal's last journey and bid her farewell with tearful eyes. On this occasion, Punjab Cabinet Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora, Cabinet Minister Laljit Bhullar, MLA Principal Budh Ram, former Punjab Chief Minister Bibi Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, member Pradesh Congress Durlabh Singh Sidhu, BJP leader Satpal Singla, Vinod Singla, District President of Aarathi Association Sanjeev Kumar, Councilor Guralpal Singh Singla, Councilor Guralpal Singh, A. Happy, Sammik Singh Henry Member PPC, Sarpanch of village Lehal



Kalan Jaspal Sharma, Gurjit Singh Fauji, Chamkaur Singh Sarao, Gurpreet Singh Randhawa, Chairman Gursant Singh Bhattal, President Chhajju Singh Kalbanjara, Mahesh Sharma Neetu, Jagdish Rai Contractor, Sanjeev Kumar Roda, Suresh Kumar Roda, Khanauri, Deep Kumar, various leaders of Khanauri Workers' Organization, journalists etc. expressed grief over the untimely death of Monika Goyal.

Valedictory Session concludes Seven-Day quality enhancement workshop for SGPC teachers at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 8

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, successfully concluded the seven-day Quality Enhancement Workshop for SGPC Teachers with a valedictory session marked by insightful addresses from distinguished guests.

Convener of the workshop and Head, Department of Education Dr. Harneet Billing, presented a comprehensive report summarizing the objectives, expert sessions, and key takeaways from the week-long initiative. She emphasized the significance of continuous professional development for educators and the integration of Sikh values with modern pedagogy. Dr. Khushwinder Kumar, Registrar, Khalsa University Amritsar, delivered a powerful address on the theme "Managing Classrooms for Competency and Inclusion: Vision of NEP 2020." Drawing from his vast



academic experience, he emphasized the paradigm shift required in classroom practices to align with the competency-based, inclusive approach of the National Education Policy.

Dr. Robinpreet Kaur, Counselor at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, Sangrur, discussed the importance of balancing personal and professional life. Senior political leader of SAD S. Jagdeep Singh Cheema, reflected on the foundational role of Sikh

values and ethics in education. While Former Secretary, SGPC, S. Simranjeet Singh Kang, shared inspiring insights from the lives of Sikh Gurus, highlighting how their teachings offer timeless lessons for educators in courage, compassion, justice, and selfless service. Member, SGPC S. Avtar Singh Riya, shared his vision for strengthening educational institutions under SGPC by blending academic excellence with spiritual grounding.

Three notorious criminals arrested from Sri Muktsar Sahib; 174gms heroin, two pistols recovered

SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB, JUNE 8

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to ensure a crime-free Punjab as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab, in a joint operation with Sri Muktsar Sahib Police, arrested three notorious criminals and recovered two .32 bore pistols along with 10 live cartridges and 174 grams heroin from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

Those arrested have been identified as Gaurav Kumar alias Billa, Vikasdeep Singh and Lovepreet Singh, all residents of Sri Muktsar Sahib. Trio accused persons have been wanted in multiple criminal cases, including serious of



fences under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Arms Act.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that accused Gaurav alias Billa was a fugitive in a case registered at Police Station City Malout, while Vikasdeep Singh and Lovepreet Singh were wanted in cases registered at Police Station City Sri Muktsar Sahib. Preliminary investigation has revealed that the trio was planning to eliminate their

rival, he said. The DGP said that further investigation are ongoing to establish forward and backward links in this case. More arrests and recoveries are likely in coming days, he added. Sharing operational details, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) AGTF Promod Ban stated that the police party noticed the trio accused persons examining a polythene bag under the fly-over bridge.

Free medical check-up camp organized in Raikot under patronage of Dr. Baldev Singh Aulakh



GOGI KMAALPURIYA
RAIKOT, JUNE 8

Today, Mandir Shivala Kham Raikot in collaboration with Baldev Raj Kakkar, under the patronage of Punjab's renowned kidney transplant expert Dr. Baldev Singh Aulakh, Chairman Unit Hospital Ludhiana, and his team organized a free Gynecology, Prostate, Kidney, Surgical and Medical Check-up Camp at Mandir Shivala Kham under the supervision of President Inderpal Goldy. In this camp, patients with urinary diseases were examined by

Dr. Baldev Singh Aulakh (Urology and Transplant). Apart from this, Dr. Amit Tully (Urology and Transplant), Dr. Ankur Sharma (General Medicine), Dr. Jatin Goyal (General Surgery), Dr. Suhasani Raina (Gynecology) examined the patients of women's diseases, diabetes, kidney, prostate, liver and stomach diseases, mental diseases and epilepsy, respiratory diseases, heart diseases and other diseases. During this camp, 135 patients were examined and medicines were given free of cost by the Unit Hospital Ludhiana.

Dedicated to all-round dev of Children, Romesh Mahajan National Awardee Honorary Secretary DCWC



VERMA
GURDASPUR, JUNE 8

In its continuous commitment to the all-round development of children, the District Child Welfare Council (DCWC) Gurdaspur held a felicitation ceremony today at Sip M Dine to honor meritorious students from Green Land Public Senior Secondary School, Dinanagar. Under the council's annual initiative to encourage academic excellence, students who scored more than 95 per-

cent marks in Class X and XII CBSE board examinations were recognized for their outstanding performance. During the event, students from Green Land Public Senior Secondary School who recently topped the CBSE Class X and XII exams were honored with certificates and tokens of appreciation. The principal of the school, Mrs. Jyoti Thakur, who is an able administrator and educationist was also specially recognized for her exemplary leadership.

Poonam Suri appointed district President of Human Rights Council in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar

CHETRAMRATTAN
NAWANSHAHR, JUNE 8

In a significant development, the All India Human Rights Council (AIHRC) has announced key appointments for its Punjab wing. Aasa Singh Azad, National President of AIHRC, and Chet Ram Rattan, National Chairman and Senior Counsel Nawanshahr, in collaboration with Punjab Women's Wing Chairperson Bibi Baljit Kaur, appointed Madam Poonam Suri as the District President of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar and Madam Jaswinder Kaur as the Tehsil President of Balachaur.

The council stated that appointment letters for office-bearers and members will be formally presented during a special ceremony scheduled for the second week of June in Nawanshahr. In parallel, Dr. Deepak Kumar Pade, National President of the Health Department of AIHRC, announced the appointment of Dr. Tajinder Jot Singh as the President of the Health Wing for Balachaur. Acknowledging his continued social service in the region, Dr. Jot has also been given the authority to form his own team. The announcement ceremony was attended by prominent members including Line Tarlochan Singh



Virdi, District Secretary Sanjeev Kumar Suri, Urban President Sanjeev Kumar Kanth, and Ardeep Kaur Nambardani.

Manish Tewari, MP Chandigarh, and HS Lucky attend series of programmes across city



CHANDIGARH (PAWAN DEWAN): Member of Parliament from Chandigarh, Manish Tewari, along with H.S. Lucky, President of the Chandigarh Pradesh Congress Committee, participated in a series of programmes today aimed at strengthening civic infrastructure and engaging directly with residents of the city.

Earlier in the day, Tewari inaugurated a network of newly installed CCTV cameras in Mauli Jagran, a significant step towards improving the security framework of the colony. The inauguration was held in the presence of H S Lucky, local residents, and party workers including District President Surjit Dhillon and Colony cell chairman Mukesh Rai. The installation of the cameras is expected to not only deter crime but also instill a greater sense of safety among the people, especially women, children, and senior citizens.

NEWS BRIEF

No to drugs, yes to sports: Raghav Thakur



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: State Youth Congress General Secretary Raghav Thakur inaugurated the two day cricket tournament being organized by the Youth Club in Village Panchayat Nandpur of Sub Division Amb. Raghav Thakur donated Rs 5100 to the managing committee. A total of 16 teams participated in the tournament. In the opening match Bobby 11 defeated Baaghi 11 by 5 wickets. Aneesh made the highest score of 25 runs, Raghav Thakur gave the message to the youth to join sports and stay away from drugs. On this occasion his committee members Kartik, Nitin, Rahul, Aditya, Mohit, Nishant, Sameer, etc were present.

Sat Pal Bhanu
appointed Interim CEO and MD of LIC
KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Sat Pal Bhanu, a seasoned officer from Himachal Pradesh's tribal district Lahaul-Spiti, has been entrusted with the additional charge of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). As per an order issued by the Department of Financial Services under the Union Ministry of Finance dated June 7, 2025, Bhanu will assume this responsibility from June 8, 2025, for a period of three months, or until a regular appointment is made, whichever is earlier. Sat Pal Bhanu began his career with LIC in 1988 as an Assistant Administrative Officer and has since served in various key positions across the country. Known for his exemplary contributions in both marketing and administration, he has played an instrumental role in strengthening LIC's operations, including during his tenure in the Shimla Division. Hailing from the remote and tribal region of Lahaul-Spiti, Bhanu's rise to one of LIC's highest leadership positions has been hailed as a moment of pride for Himachal Pradesh.

Govt strengthens rural economy with dairy reforms during past two and a half years

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 8

Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in India to offer Minimum Support Price (MSP) on milk, which has set a new benchmark in the country's dairy sector. This bold and revolutionary move reflects a strong commitment of the present state government to support livestock farmers and enhance rural livelihoods. Over the past two and a half years, the government has introduced several impactful reforms towards empowering dairy farmers and strengthening the co-operative institutions, besides building a resilient rural economy.

As of today, the Government is procuring



cow milk from approximately 38,400 farmers, collecting an average of 2.25 lakh litres milk daily at a support price of Rs. 51 per litre, based on quality standards. Additionally, about 1,482 buffalo rearers contribute 7,800 litres of milk per day, which is purchased at Rs. 61 per litre. These rates provide assured income to livestock rearers and reflect a significant improvement over previous procurement mechanisms. To ease logistical challenges,

especially in hilly and remote regions, the government is also providing Rs. 2 per litre transport subsidy for dairy farmers. It is expected to benefit a large number of producers. It is improving farmer's access to markets and also reducing transportation costs for marginal farmers. One of the most ambitious undertakings of the state is the Him Ganga Yojana, which aims to transform dairy farming at the grassroots level. Under the first phase of the Him Ganga Yojana, a dedicated committee has been formed to visit villages and establish milk producer co-operative societies at the grassroots level. As part of this initiative, 268 new dairy cooperatives have been formed in Hamirpur and

Kangra districts. Out of these, 11 societies in Hamirpur and 99 in Kangra have already been officially registered. In Hamirpur, out of 46 newly formed societies, 20 are women-led dairy co-operatives which show the focus of the state government on empowering rural women. In Kangra, a total of 222 dairy co-operatives have been established. So far, 5,166 farmers have been linked to these societies, ensuring their direct participation in organized milk production and marketing. In another pioneering initiative, the government has launched a pilot project for goat milk procurement. Under this initiative, the government is offering Rs. 70 per litre to goat rearers.

Border tourism initiative a major milestone for Himachal Pradesh: Spokesperson

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 8

Tourists from across the country will now have the opportunity to experience the breathtaking beauty of the border areas of Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti districts along the Indo-China border. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is set to launch the Border Tourism initiative from Shipki-La, a prominent frontier village that will mark the beginning of this new and historic phase. The Chief Minister is scheduled to inaugurate this initiative during his upcoming two-day visit to Kinnaur district, beginning from the historic village of Shipki-La. A government spokesperson stated that the Border Tourism initiative, launched in coordination with the Union Government, represents a significant achievement for the State Beautiful. The initiative will

enable regulated tourist access to strategically important yet culturally vibrant locations such as Lepcha-La, Shipki-La, Gue Monastery, Khana, Dumti, the Rani area of Sangla, and Chitkul in Kinnaur district, along with selected areas in Lahaul-Spiti. He added that, acting under the direction of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the State Government consistently took up the matter with the concerned authorities. "This long-standing effort has now started yielding positive results, paving the way for responsible tourism and inclusive development in these remote tribal regions," the spokesperson said. The spokesperson emphasized that the objective is to promote sustainable border tourism while ensuring national security and preserving the unique tribal heritage of the region.

Many important activities take place in All India trekking camp

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUN 8

Many important activities were carried out on Sunday in the All India Trekking Camp being held at the Indian Army's training center in Dharamshala Cantonment. The main objective of this camp is to train the youth of the country in adventure activities in the lap of nature and help them in their personality development. The participants of the first batch of the camp successfully completed their trekking from Dharamkot to Bhagsunag today. This journey was not only physically challenging, but during this time the youth also got an opportunity to see the local culture and natural beauty of Himachal closely. The cadets went to the Bhagsunag temple and learned the history of the



temple, how King Bhagsu reached the Nag Bhoomi for the benefit of his subjects and how the Nag Devta gave immortality to King Bhagsu forever by adding his name to his name. Only then did this place become famous as Bhagsunag. If we look at the details of the participants, girl NCC cadets from Solan, Palampur, Dharamshala,

Sundernagar, Mandi, Shimla, Kullu and Nahan from Punjab Haryana Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh Directorate, Almora and Roorkee from Uttarakhand Directorate and Udaipur, Jodhpur and Kota from Rajasthan Directorate have participated in this camp. This regional diversity is making the program even more rich.

CM dedicates development projects worth Rs.119.51 crore in Bangana

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 8

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today participated as the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony of the three-day Piplu Fair held at Bangana. Prior to the event, the Chief Minister interacted with the public and listened to their grievances at the local rest house. He also joined the traditional Shobha Yatra before addressing the gathering at Bhaleti. In his address, the Chief Minister highlighted the cultural and social importance of traditional fairs, stating that they serve as vibrant expressions of local heritage and community bonding. While extending greetings to the people of Bangana, Chief Minister expressed hope that such events would continue to enrich and preserve the region's



cultural fabric and congratulated the organizers. Sh. Sukhu emphasized the government's commitment to promoting natural farming and encouraged local farmers to adopt this eco-friendly practice to strengthen their economic well-being. He appealed to the farming community of Bangana to actively support the initiative and contribute to

establishing Himachal Pradesh as a leading state in natural farming. The Chief Minister also lauded local MLA Vivek Sharma for his dedicated efforts toward the region's holistic development and expressed confidence in his continued commitment to the progress of the constituency. Earlier, Chief Minister Sukhu inaugurated and laid the foundation stones

of multiple developmental projects in the Bangana sub-division, collectively amounting to Rs.119.51 crore. Among the key inaugurations were the Rs. 2.12 crore Executive Engineer Divisional Office Building at Thanakalan, Rs. 61.51 lakh Water Quality & Monitoring Training Centre at Bamoh, Rs. 2.44 crore building for Government Senior Secondary School in Jathehri, Rs. 1.45 crore Primary Health Centre at Chamyari, Rs. 93.69 lakh for four classrooms at Government Senior Secondary School in Mandli, Rs. 10.31 crore for metalling and tarring of the Olinda-Bohru link road, Rs.12.22 crore for roads from Saili to Handola via Kamoon Patti and from Saili Mahadev Temple via GPS Lubawal, and Rs. 10.73 crore for the Rural Livelihood Centre building in Bangana.

Former Minister Virendra Kanwar appointed President of National Volleyball Federation, wave of joy in Kutlehar

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, JUNE 8

Former Himachal Pradesh Cabinet Minister and senior BJP leader Virendra Kanwar has been appointed as the President of the National Volleyball Federation of India, marking a historic moment for the hill state. This is the first time a leader from Himachal has been entrusted with the top position in this prestigious sports body, and the announcement has sparked celebrations across his home constituency Kutlehar, with locals distributing sweets and organizing congratulatory events.

Kanwar's new role is not just an extension of his distinguished political journey but also a proud milestone for Himachal Pradesh. A firm believer in youth empowerment through

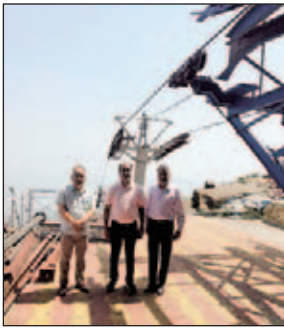
sports, he has long been associated with the state's volleyball federation as its president, and now steps onto the national stage with an agenda to promote volleyball at the grassroots level. His political journey began in 1990 with student politics, and in 1997, he was elected unopposed as up-pradhan of Palhata Panchayat. By 2000, he contested and won a district council seat with a significant margin. In 2003, Kanwar entered the Himachal Legislative Assembly from Kutlehar and went on to win four consecutive terms. He also served as a CPS in the Dhumal government in 2007 and as a Cabinet Minister in the Jai Ram Thakur government, where he held five key departments: Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Rural Development, Panchayati

Raj, and Fisheries. His latest appointment as Volleyball Federation President is being seen as a recognition of his integrity, leadership, and commitment to service. Kanwar has stated that he plans to extend the reach of volleyball into rural and remote areas, particularly in hill states where youth possess untapped energy and enthusiasm for sports. Leaders from across the political spectrum have extended congratulations. These include Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, State BJP President Dr. Rajeev Bindal, MP Dr. Sikander Kumar, MLA Satpal Singh Satti, District BJP President Shyam Minhas, Ramel Kumar of Shiv Ram Jan Kalyan Samiti, Kisan Morcha State Secretary Madan Rana, Chamjeet Sharma of Kutlehar Sewa Sangathan, and many others.

Jain's visit boosts development drive in Bilaspur — focus on safety, cleanliness, and timely project delivery

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JUNE 8

In a proactive stride towards enhancing public infrastructure and service delivery, Secretary Public Works, Finance, Planning, Economics & Statistics, Dr. Abhishek Jain, undertook an impactful one-day inspection tour of Bilaspur district. His visit was marked by decisive reviews, field inspections, and a strong push for quality and accountability in government-led initiatives. During the visit, Dr. Jain chaired a high-level review meeting of the Public Works Department and assessed progress on 19 vital roads being constructed under PMGSY Phase-III, with an outlay of Rs 184 crore. He directed officials to ensure that all construction works are completed within the stipulated timeframe, emphasizing that timely road

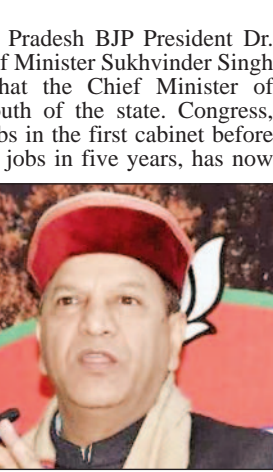


connectivity is crucial for improving livelihoods and accessibility in rural areas. A key highlight of his tour was the inspection of the Sri Naina Devi Ji Temple Ropeway, where he issued instructions to maintain the highest standards of public safety, ensure proper uniformity among staff, and prominently display fare charts. He also instructed officials to prioritize the beautification and

infrastructural improvement of the surrounding ropeway area to enhance the spiritual and tourism experience for devotees. Dr. Jain paid obeisance at the Sri Naina Devi Ji Temple and reviewed the facilities and crowd management strategies on the premises, expressing satisfaction while also suggesting areas for improvement. His commitment to providing a clean, efficient, and dignified environment for pilgrims was evident throughout the visit. Further, he inspected government rest houses in Namol and Bilaspur, underscoring the importance of cleanliness, greenery, and upgraded amenities in light of the recently launched online booking system. He noted that these public facilities must reflect the highest standards of hospitality and service readiness.

Sukhu betrayed the youth in the name of jobs: Dr. Rajeev Bindal

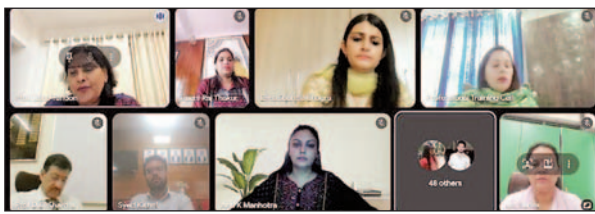
SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Himachal Pradesh BJP President Dr. Rajeev Bindal has targeted Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Rajeev Bindal said that the Chief Minister of Himachal has betrayed the youth of the state. Congress, which talked about one lakh jobs in the first cabinet before coming to power and five lakh jobs in five years, has now gone back on its words. He said that the Chief Minister's statement that he had talked about employment and not government jobs is a blatant lie. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi and current Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri also made big promises related to employment, which are not being fulfilled. BJP President Dr. Rajeev Bindal said that the youth of the state supported the Congress because of the promise of employment. Now the Chief Minister has completely gone back on his promise. This is a betrayal of the youth. This comes under the category of breach of trust. He said that the current Deputy Chief Minister of the Congress government, Mukesh Agnihotri, used to talk about permanent employment at the age of 58 years, but now the youth have got nothing.



HPNLU Shimla inaugurates one-week workshop on research methodology with hands-on training in SPSS and AMOS

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 8

The Professional Training Cell (PTC) of Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, commenced a One-Week Workshop on Research Methodology with Hands-on Experience in SPSS and AMOS (SEM) today, June 8, 2025. The workshop aims to provide comprehensive training in empirical research techniques, covering topics such as research design, data collection, statistical analysis using SPSS and AMOS, citation methodologies, and research ethics. The workshop will



run through June 12, 2025, and features expert-led sessions for participants from diverse academic and research backgrounds. The inaugural session began with an introduction to the workshop by Dr. Deepika Gautam, Chairperson, PTC, who elaborated on the objectives and scope of the training programme. The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU, who

highlighted the importance of empirical research competencies in the legal and interdisciplinary academic landscape. The event was graced by Prof. (Dr.) D.D. Sharma, Former Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, who served as the Keynote Speaker. In his address, he offered valuable insights into the evolution and contemporary relevance of research methodologies within the social sciences.

Bhagwat Katha started with Kalash Shobha Yatra in Jwar



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The Shrimad Bhagwat Katha began in the village panchayat Jwar of the subdivision Amb. During this, the devotees took out the Kalash Shobha Yatra with band music. During this, the various tableaux taken out were the center of attraction for the people. The narrator Acharya Atul Krishna Maharaj first of all performed the worship at the venue as per the rituals. After this, the journey started by applying tilak on the forehead of 21 girls wearing yellow clothes carrying Kalash on their heads. The procession reached the Kathasthal via Maidi, Nehariya, Lahad, Jwar. The story will be held from 9 June 2025 to 15 June 2025. The time of the story will be from 2 pm to 5 pm. On this occasion, Gram Panchayat Pradhan Sandeep Kumar Prakash Chand Mukesh Shivkumar etc. were present.

DB stays order relaxing bond conditions to PG doctors

AGENCY
SHIMLA, JUNE 8

The Himachal Pradesh High Court has stayed a Single Bench order that had directed the release of original MBBS degrees and undated cheques to a group of doctors who had completed their postgraduate studies.

The state government preferred a Letters Patent Appeal (LPA No. 285 of 2025) against the decision, arguing that the doctors were trying to avoid their legal obligation to serve in government health services as agreed under a bond. The division bench of Chief Justice G.S. Sandhawalia and Justice Ranjan Sharma stated the impugned order, maintaining that the bond conditions and two years of mandatory service in the rural areas couldn't be relaxed once MBBS signed the bond. The State, represented by Advocate General Anup Rattan along with Pranay Pratap Singh and Swati Draik, told the court that each doctor

had signed a bond of Rs 40 lakh in January 2022, agreeing to work for the State for two years after completing their course.

They were also paid monthly stipends by the government during their studies. The policy behind the bond aims to ensure that trained doctors serve poor and rural areas of Himachal Pradesh. However, after the results were declared on April 7, 2025, the doctors wrote to the government on April 9, asking for the return of their degrees and cheques, claiming that they hadn't received field posting orders within the time limit set by the policy. The policy says that posting orders must be issued within one month of the result declaration, failing which the bond would not apply. The doctors argued that this condition was not met. The State disagreed, explaining that the candidates had only been officially relieved from their colleges on March 10, 2025, and that the posting orders were issued on April 10, 2025.

NEWS BRIEF

Meeting under "Organization Creation Campaign" on June 10 in Saha: MLA Pooja



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA: Under the Congress's organization creation campaign, an important meeting of Congress workers of Mullana assembly will be held on June 10 at the Congress office Saha at 9:30 am. This meeting will be chaired by AICC District Observer CWC Member Vijay Inder Singla. During this, HPCC Observer Mr. Gaurav Singh, Mr. Sachin Kundu, Mr. Kanwardeep Saini will also be present. This information was given by Mullana MLA Pooja while addressing Congress workers in a meeting held in village Durana of Block Ambala-1. Ambala Lok Sabha MP Varun Chaudhary was also present in this meeting. The MLA said that in this meeting, the process of appointment of District Congress President for Ambala district and guidelines for strengthening the organization at the grassroots level will be shared.

On Nirjala Ekadashi, Dinesh Bakshi donates platelets, marks 94th platelet donation
MEGRAJ LUTHRA KARNAL: While many observed Nirjala Ekadashi by distributing chilled drinks and water, Dinesh Bakshi marked the occasion with an act of rare generosity by donating platelets to a dialysis patient at Park Hospital. Known for his unwavering commitment to saving lives, Bakshi has now donated platelets 94



times and blood 135 times. Responding to calls from attendants of critical patients, Bakshi never hesitates to step forward for platelet donation. His selfless service has previously been recognised with the Shatkraveer Samman awarded by the Governor. In addition to his remarkable record in blood and platelet donation, Dinesh Bakshi is also dedicated to environmental causes.

Ghidd-Kunjpura road in disrepair, Villagers demand immediate repairs



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: The Ghidd to Kunjpura road, extending through Jadoli and Mugal Majra Chowk, has deteriorated to the point where even walking along it has become difficult. The approximately 7-8 km stretch is dotted with potholes as deep as 2 to 3 feet, posing constant danger to commuters. This vital road connects several villages including Mohdinpur, Mugal Majra, Jadoli, Nabipur, Khirajpur, and Kunjpura. Local residents say they have been demanding the road's repair for the past three years, but no action has yet been taken. Villagers Rajesh, Parminder, Gopal, Om Prakash, Deepak, Suresh, Arjun, Parampveer, Chandrashekhar, Balsingh, and Rajendra said the condition worsens during the rainy season. Water-filled potholes make it hard to gauge depth, causing frequent accidents, particularly for two-wheeler riders. With school buses using the route daily, parents are increasingly worried about the safety of their children. The villagers have urged the administration to prioritise the road's repair to relieve the community of its daily struggles. When contacted, PWD Executive Engineer Kamal, Sandeep Singh, stated that a proposal for the road's repair has already been sent for approval.

Students of Pratap World School visit Mamun Cantt for Indian Army's 'Operation Sindoor' weapon expo

BUREAU GURDASPUR, JUNE 8

The students of Pratap World School, Pathankot had a proud, inspiring, and transformational experience as they visited Mamun Cantt Station to witness the grand weapon exhibition organized by the Indian Army, commemorating the successful completion of 'Operation Sindoor'.

This special exhibition provided students with a rare opportunity to see state-of-the-art weapons, military equipment, and cutting-edge technology used by the Indian Army. The purpose of the exhibition was to introduce the youth to the inner workings of the armed forces, ignite a sense of patriotism, and generate

'Pakistan will be isolated': All-party delegation returns from Europe, slams state-sponsored terror

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

The All-Party Delegation (Group 2) led by BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad returned to the national capital after a diplomatic tour of six key European countries focusing on the issue of terrorism. Apart from Prasad, the delegation comprised BJP MPs Daggubati Purandeswari, Samik Bhattacharya, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, Congress MP Amar Singh, nominated MP Ghulam Ali Khatana, former minister MJ Akbar, and Ambassador Pankaj Saran. Speaking to ANI after the visit, BJP MP Prasad said, "It feels great to be back in India. Our delegation visited France, Italy, Denmark, England, Brussels and Germany. We met senior leaders of the Parliament, think-tank and the Indian community. The foreign nations have a lot of anger over the



terrorist attack in Pahalgam, and all the nations have condemned this. We went to the European Parliament as well.

The Indian community was very excited to meet us. A new relationship is going to be established between India and Europe. It was a very satisfying visit..." Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, an important member of the delegation, told

ANI, "We went to six different countries and had discussions with media, think-tanks, govt officials, ministers. At the end of our visit we had a really good interaction with the German foreign minister, had 30 mins long chat with him. Everyone believes that the way India has been fighting for decades against terrorism sponsored by Pakistan, the same way countries in Western Europe are facing the

same kind of challenges which has been linked and supported by Pakistan. We told the countries that Pakistan takes loans from the IMF to protect its terror camps. Europe has condemned terrorism in all its forms. We had a very good meeting with the Foreign Minister of Germany, Vice Chairman of the Parliament and other officials along with their foreign affairs committee. India and our delegation have received a very positive response. This shows that the world understands the fear of terrorism, and it is very important to stay united to address this issue. Current scenario everyone is united and equivocal about the fact that terrorism in all its forms has to be condemned." Chaturvedi further said, "The countries we have visited everyone knows that from where terrorism and terrorists are coming, everyone knows where Osama bin Laden was found.

Free pilgrimage bus flagged off by Shri Mehandipur Balaji Seva Samiti, Kaithal

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, JUNE 8

Shri Mehandipur Balaji Seva Samiti, Kaithal, flagged off its monthly free pilgrimage bus service to sacred sites including Shri Mehandipur Balaji Dham, Khatu Shyam Dham, and Salasar Dham. A total of 61 devotees embarked on the spiritual journey.

The bus was flagged off with religious rituals as Subhash Singwal, the committee's patron, broke a coconut, and Mohan Garg Songal waved the ceremonial flag. Committee officials including President Rajesh Goyal, Chairman Preeti Pal Bansal, and Secretary Praveen Garg shared that the monthly trips are organised to offer devotees a profound



spiritual and devotional experience.

During the journey, devotees offer their prayers and submit wishes at the holy shrines of Balaji Maharaj and Shyam Baba, seeking blessings and fulfilment of their desires.

Members and participants congratulated

one another on the successful organisation of the pilgrimage and praised the committee's ongoing religious service. Among those present were Krishan Singla, Ishwar Khanori, Ashok Gaba, Sanjay Goyal, Ramesh Khuraniya, Sanjeev Garg, Devi Prasanna, Satish Roheda, and Monu Cater.

Yoga protocol practice program organised at NIILM University Kaithal

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, JUNE 8

A yoga protocol practice program was organized at NIILM University Kaithal on the occasion of the 11th International Yoga Day 2025. As part of the preparations for the successful organization of Yoga Day to be held on June 21, a yoga protocol practice program was organized at NIILM University, Kaithal. It was organized under the joint aegis of the District Administration and AYUSH Department, as per the instructions of Dr. Shakuntala Dahiya, District Ayurvedic Officer, yoga trainers from the AYUSH Department, Mr. Sandeep Tanwar, Mr. Sukhdev Myoli, Mr. Ravi Kumar Kathwad conducted yoga practice at NIILM University Kaithal.



On this occasion, the staff members and students of the university and the head of the Yoga Science Department, Dr. Pavitra Devi also played an active role. During the program, it was told that yoga was very beneficial for our life. It also inspires mental peace, physical balance and spiritual development. The message was also given that yoga was

Masked men roaming outside private hospital, threatening to kill owner's wife

ANWAR HUSSAIN

NALAGARH: The owner of a private hospital in Baddi and his wife are afraid of loss of life and property. For the last few days, some masked men have been roaming outside the hospital with the intention of doing surveillance and causing harm, about which Dr. Gagan Jain has also lodged a complaint in Baddi Police Station. The police have

registered a report and started an investigation. Dr. Gagan Jain told the police in his complaint that on May 7 last month, some masked men on motorcycles were roaming repeatedly outside the hospital and were also doing videography. He said that earlier also he has received threats to kill him. The matter is being investigated on the basis of a complaint in Baddi Police Station.

Sangeeta Devi said that when she went to a private hospital in Mohali, a woman from ward-6 stopped me and abused me and now she is filing false complaints against me at various places. Later a compromise was also reached in the SHO office, but since then she is constantly receiving threatening calls due to which her child and future husband are also in danger.

Ambala integrity run flagged off to honour IAFs celebrating success of Op Sindoor



BUREAU AMBALA, JUNE 8

The press information bureau (defence wing), GoI in a Press release said, "Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar, general officer commanding, Kharga Corps flagged off the 'Ambala Integrity Run' from Kharga stadium today, organized by Olive Green International School. The run honoured the Indian Armed

Forces (IAFs) commitment and celebrated the success of Operation Sindoor".

The event drew enthusiastic participation of 1200 from serving soldiers, veterans and locals, including schoolchildren showcasing unity and solidarity. This collective effort aims to inspire the younger generation. The Run reflects the citizens' gratitude towards the Armed Forces' dedication and service.

Ahilya Bai Holkar's 300th birth anniversary celebrated with pomp in village Adhoya



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar ji's 300th birth anniversary was celebrated with great pomp in Adhoya village of the subdivision. Giving the above information, social worker and program coordinator Rajiv Singla and Ashish Kumar Garg Adhoya said that all the respected forums started the program by offering flowers to the picture of Bharat Mata and Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar ji and lighting the lamp and singing patriotic songs. The whole atmosphere resonated with the slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Vande Mataram and Ahilyabai Holkar Jai. Retired sub-inspector Ashok Kumar and Dr. Karnail Singh were present as the chief guests in the program. Social harmony forum Barara's block coordinator Rajiv Singla was present as the keynote speaker in the program, where he threw light on the life of Ahilyabai Holkar in his speech and also told about the many Dharamshalas, hospitals and educational institutions built by her for the society during her rule.

Inspired by PM Modi, Dr. Arvind Sharma dedicated to public service: Prem Munjal



KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: Former representative of the Nilokheri Municipal Council, Prem Munjal, along with his team, met Haryana Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma at the rest house in Gohana. The delegation included former Tehsildar Virendra Sharma, Gurpreet Singh Dang, and Krishan Parocha, who felicitated the minister with a bouquet. Prem Munjal congratulated Dr. Sharma on the grand success of the recently held Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti celebrations and lauded his commitment to public service. He said that Dr. Arvind Sharma who draws inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has emerged as a leader with no need for an introduction. "By following the path of patriotism and people-centric governance, Dr. Sharma has set records that have surprised many," Munjal added. Highlighting his service-oriented approach, Munjal noted that Dr. Sharma has always strived for the upliftment of the poor, farmers, and common citizens. Known for being present in both joy and sorrow, the minister is regarded as a symbol of unity across all communities.

225 people examined in health camp held by Manavta Janshakti Foundation

CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, JUNE 8

A free health check-up camp was organised by Manavta Janshakti Foundation. A large number of people participated in this health camp organised in Vasant Vihar of Ward No. 1 of Kamal and about 225 people got their health checked. In the camp, doctors of Arpana Hospital Madhuban checked the people and distributed medicines to them on the spot. Kamal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta specially reached the camp and encouraged the founder of the organization Hardeep Rana and also talked to the people. Free tests were done in the health camp, glasses and medicines were also distributed free of cost. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta said that at present our health is the biggest asset. Hardeep Rana ji has done a virtuous and noble



work by organizing a health camp, because people who cannot reach hospitals, such people can reach this camp and get free medicines and get various types of tests done. She said that through such camps, people get medical facilities at their doorstep. On this occasion, Hardeep Rana said that he keeps organizing health check-up camps, blood donation camps and various social works from time to time and the benefits of these reach the common people. In future also, he will continue to do

similar social service work. On this occasion, Harvinder Malli Councillor from Ward No. 1 Sudesh Rani, Subhash Koch, Gulab Poswal, Urmila Taya, Anjali Garg, Seema Paswan, Shashi Bhaskar, Babita Mehla, Ramesh Sharma, Sushil Rana, Harsh Malli, Shivcharan Sharma, Virendra Poswal, Jitendra Panchal, Ranbir Panchal, Shamsher Singh, Sangeeta Sharma, Randhir Singh, Vinod Sharma, Vimal Rohilla and a large number of members of the organization were present.

India's economic and energy growth lauded at BJP Shimla meeting: Dr. Sikandar Kumar highlights Modi govt's vision

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JUNE 8

A meeting of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District Shimla unit was held at Deep Kamal, Chakkar, in which Dr. Sikandar Kumar, BJP State General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP, was present as the chief guest. The meeting was centred around the 11-year milestone of the Central Government, celebrating the achievements and progress made under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sikandar Kumar remarked that India has become the fourth-largest economy in the world, recently surpassing Japan, and that this feat reflects the visionary, reform-driven, and self-reliant strategy pursued over the last decade. He noted that since



2014, India's GDP has more than doubled to USD 4.3 trillion, driven by pro-growth reforms, liberal economic policies, and strong leadership.

Highlighting the nation's rise as both an economic and strategic global power, he underlined India's impressive 6.7% growth rate in the last quarter, placing it far ahead of other nations in terms of economic momentum. Dr. Kumar emphasized the critical role of the energy sector, which he described as

undergoing a structural transformation in the first year of Modi 3.0, building upon foundational changes from the previous ten years.

He stated that India is now the third-largest global consumer of energy and oil, fourth-largest refiner, and fourth-largest importer of LNG. With energy demand expected to increase 2.5 times by 2047, and a 25% rise in global demand expected to stem from India, he asserted that "Energy security is development security."

Young man commits suicide after visa rejected for Canada

KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: Unfortunate news has come out from Barnala. A young man committed suicide by shooting himself in Sukhpura village here. The deceased has been identified as Dilpreet Singh (20). According to the information received, the young man embraced death after getting rejected for Canada visa. Dilpreet Singh had filed a file to go to Canada and the said young man was upset due to the visa rejection, due to which today the young man committed suicide by shooting himself with a 12 bore gun kept in the house. On this occasion, village Sarpanch Baljinder Singh informed the media that the sister of the said young man had gone to Canada some time ago and Dilpreet had also filed a file to go to Canada. After the incident, the police reached the spot and started the action by taking the body into their possession. The father of the deceased youth is the block president of Aam Aadmi Party and works as a milk seller. There is a wave of mourning in the village after the incident. On this occasion, the Sub Inspector of the concerned police station Sehna confirmed the incident to the media and told that this bullet was related to his own licensed gun, so his postmortem has been done and the body has been handed over to the heirs.



NEWS BRIEFS

Participate actively in international yoga day programmes: DC Parth Gupta

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The Yamunanagar district administration, in collaboration with the AYUSH Department, is set to celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21, continuing its annual tradition. This year's theme for Yoga Day is "Yoga for One Earth, One Health." Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta urged residents, especially youth and sportspersons, to participate in large numbers and complete their online registration to join the event. Registration can be done by giving a missed call to 9501131800 or by filling the online form at www.internationallyogadayhry.in. DC Gupta informed that several activities will be held in the lead-up to the event, including workshops on yoga, training camps for children, officials, and staff, culminating in a mass yoga session and lectures on the morning of June 21.

Youth urged to stay drug-free, embrace sports for a healthier future

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA, JUNE 8

The Kshatriya Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan Cricket Club organized a one-day cricket tournament at Sarkpur Stadium, which concluded with a powerful message for youth empowerment through sports. Barara Police Station in-charge Pramod Rana awarded the winning team with a trophy and a cash prize, encouraging young players to value fitness and discipline through sports.

Addressing the gathering, Rana highlighted the importance of physical activity, stating that sports not only offer career opportunities but also keep the body and mind healthy. He strongly urged the youth to stay away from drugs, adding, "You are the backbone of our nation. If our youth fall into addiction, how will India become a global power?" He also advised against using vehicles without number plates and reminded everyone to follow traffic rules and carry proper documents while driving.

Rohtash Rana, President of the Sarpanch Association, congratulated the organisers and stressed that the youth should channel their energy into sports and stay drug-free to shape a bright fu-



ture. "Our nation's youth is filled with potential," he said, "and with the right direction, they can bring pride to their families and the community." He also donated 11,000 to the club to support its activities.

The tournament, organised in memory of Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan, featured 16 teams, with the aim of promoting sportsmanship, spreading awareness about India's glorious history, and strengthening social harmony. Spectators enjoyed thrilling matches, with cash prizes of 21,000 for the winner, 11,000 for the runner-up, and

Speaker listens to problems of common people under a tree in afternoon



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JUNE 8

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan may have taken over the new responsibility of Haryana Assembly, but desire to do something for constituency and passion for social service is reflected in his personality. When he reached PWD Rest House in Gharanda to listen to problems of common people, he sat under a tree to listen to problems.

He did not care about heat but understood sentiments of people who came to meet him. In scorching afternoon, he listened to problems of people seriously and

instructed concerned officials to resolve them. People had come to him with problems like electricity, road, tubewell installation. A person named Rajendra demanded to get drain paved in Bastara. He instructed PWD officials to take appropriate action. Some villagers requested for installation of submersible pump near Vajida railway station. He asked officials to inspect the spot and take appropriate action. Some people also came with personal complaints. He held a meeting with SDM, Municipal Secretary and officials of other related departments and reviewed the development work going on in the constituency and the city.

Platelets donated on Nirjala Ekadashi

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA KARNAL: Dinesh Bakshi has donated blood 135 times and platelets 94 times so far. On Nirjala Ekadashi, while everyone set up a stall of cold water, Dinesh Bakshi donated his platelets to a person undergoing dialysis at Park Hospital. Bakshi reaches to donate platelets on receiving a call from any patient's attendant. For doing this work, he has been given the Shatka-veer Samman by the Governor. Dinesh Bakshi has dedicated his life to service. Bakshi has donated blood 135 times and platelets 94 times so far. Along with this, he has freed thousands of trees from tree guards, posters, nails, pins. For this also, he has been honored on many platforms. He always gives a message to the youth that it is better to get a blood donation injection than a drug injection and get a blood donation card made along with the voter card.



Bhajans organised, Meerabai remembered

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, JUNE 8

During last day of seven-day Krishna Katha organized by Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan at Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School in Bilaspur, Katha Vyas Sadhvi Kalindi Bharti ji first of all told in detail about life character of Meerabai and said that a devotee immersed in devotion of God strives for public welfare along with his own welfare because he has compassion on every living being. A devotee is never selfish, he takes flower of charity in his hand and spreads its fragrance among the people. Devotee Meera Bai ji was not only an introverted soul painted in color of God, she was such a fierce flame of revolution that opposed many evils of society and also inspired society towards path of truth. There are many incidents in her life character in which she refused to sacrifice animals and when her husband died, she also opposed practice of Sati. She broke ego of a Brahmin who never even looked at a woman and called himself a celibate. She provided nectar of devotion to humanity suffering from sorrows of world. She nourished souls with that divine bliss after attaining which soul becomes free from pain forever. Devotee Meera Bai was such a divine soul that wherever her feet touched, that land became filled



with devotion, love, compassion and affection because devotion is mother of all happiness. Wherever devotion comes, virtues grow within the person and all desired worldly happiness is also attained. Sadhvi ji revealed many deep secrets hidden in the Krishna Katha and inspired all devotees to follow those principles provided by Krishna Katha which story of Lord Krishna explains to us for our all-round development and upliftment of the entire human race. Scriptures and stories of God written by our enlightened saints and great men are not just a means of entertainment but they are like that perfume which perfumes life of every person who comes in contact with it with its divine fragrance. All of us

Social meeting held in Indri regarding installation of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's statue and building construction



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI : An important social meeting was organized by Ravidasiya Samaj in Ambedkar Park, objective of which was to discuss installation of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's statue and construction of Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan. Meeting was chaired by Panchayat Samiti Indri's Chairperson Representative Balinder Kataria (Kalaria Jagir), while the stage was conducted by Sandeep Chauhan (Gandhi Nagar). It was decided in meeting that a committee will be formed to spread the teachings of saints and great men in the society and strengthen the organization. This committee will go from village to village and spread social awareness.

Beware of fake websites while searching for hotels during online booking of travel: SP

MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI: Superintendent of Police Amit Yashvardhan has said that Chardham Yatra has started for which the general public is booking hotels, tour packages and helicopters through various websites. General public should be careful while booking online to avoid cyber fraud. Cyber thugs are making those who make any kind of online booking for the Chardham Yatra their victims. He said that cyber thugs are cheating people through fake websites, social media profiles and WhatsApp accounts. Common people book services like helicopter, guest house, hotel booking, cab taxi service booking, holiday package and religious tour online for the Chardham Yatra. Cyber thugs are cheating people by creating fake versions of these websites. If any citizen makes a booking from website of these thugs, then entire money is deducted from his account but booking confirmation is not received. He has said that if you are going on Chardham Yatra, and want to book any kind of service online, then it is important to keep some things in mind. Always check the website thoroughly before paying for any service. Make sure to confirm the address of the website. Do not make payment even if there is a slight difference in website address. Cyber thugs run fraud rackets only on website addresses similar to official websites. First find out the correct website address from official source and then make the booking. Do not click on any unknown link on Google, Whatsapp or Facebook. If you have to click on any link for booking, then check whether you have got the link from the right place or not. Be careful while choosing a travel agency.



Webinar organized in DAV College for Girls

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 8

On occasion of birth anniversary of Acharya Abhinav Gupta, an Open House Dialogue cum Webinar was organized in DAV College for Girls, Yamunanagar under the joint aegis of Indian Knowledge System and Sanskrit Department. The topic of which was Revisiting the Rasa Siddhanta, Dhvani Siddhanta and Philosophy of Acharya Abhinavagupta: A classical and contemporary discussion. Dr Vishal Bhardwaj, Head of Sanskrit Department of Guru Nanak Dev University, Dr Virendra Kumar, Head of Sanskrit Department of Punjabi University Patiala, Dr Shivani Sharma, Professor of Philosophy Department of Punjab University Chandigarh were key speakers. Giving information about vari-



ous principles of Abhinav Gupta, he said that Acharya Abhinav Gupta is such an unparalleled scholar of Indian knowledge tradition who has given a unique coordination to poetics, philosophy and tantra. Abhinavagupta has given a new philosophical dimension to Rasa Siddhanta propounded in Bharatmuni's Natyashastra. Understanding of Natyashastra and Dhvani has become easier through his Lochana and Abhinav Bharati commentaries. He added more sub-

tlety to Anandvardhan's Dhvani theory. He has declared Dhvani as soul of poetry. For him, Rasa, Dhvani is best form of poetry, which provides a deep, indescribable experience to reader. At end of program, Dr. Kiran Sharma, Head of Hindi Department of DAV College for Girls and Convener of Bharatiya Gyan Parampara, thanked all scholars present at program. Lipakshi and others from the Sanskrit Department were present at the program.

Yoga camp organized on International Yoga Protocol

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI : An International Yoga Protocol Camp was organized at Haryana Police Commando Force Headquarters, Naval by the team of Ayush Department District Karnal and the team of Art of Living under the leadership of Rajendra Kumar Meena, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Commando, officers, employees of Commando Headquarters Naval and all soldiers undergoing training at Recruitment Training Center Naval and their training staff participated enthusiastically. During this, Ramesh Chandra (DSP Training), Welfare Inspector Ranbir Singh, Inspector Pawan Kumar, Sub Inspector Ganga Ram (Line Manager), Sub Inspector Ragbir Singh (CDI), Lady Sub Inspector Sudesh Kumari (Chief Legal Instructor) along with Commando soldiers, all the training staff members and all the trainees participated in this yoga camp. After welcome of AYUSH team and Art of Living team by senior officials, yoga camp started in which soldiers were given good information about



importance of yoga and pranayama in life by practicing yoga and pranayama. Yoga expert Dr. Amit Punj from AYUSH Department Karnal conducted the practice of international yoga protocol and yoga assistants Kusum Lata and Anurag demonstrated yoga practice. On behalf of Art of Living, Mrs. Suchika Batra, Amandeep Singh, Mukesh Batra and Mrs. Neelam Arora demonstrated yoga practice. After yoga practice, the officers, employees, training staff and trainees of Commando Force along with AYUSH team and Art of Living team took the oath of "Yoga Yukt - Nasha Mukta Haryana".

Members of Bharatiya Kisan Union protest against farmers not getting DSR scheme

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, JUNE 8

Members of the Bharatiya Kisan Union Chaduni Group protested against the farmers not getting the DSR scheme and the incentive amount for not burning crop residue. Under the leadership of District President Sanju Gundiyana, the farmers gathered in the grain market complex and reached the office of Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana raising slogans where the farmers handed over a memorandum to Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana and demanded to fulfill demands. Shyam Singh Rana assured the farmers that action will be taken on their demands on priority and efforts will be made to fulfill these demands of the farmers as soon as possible. District President Sanju Gundiyana said that the government has a plan to give incentives to the



farmers for not burning crop residues in the field. So that the farmers are aware and avoid burning crop residues. But the government itself is ruining this scheme. Till now the farmers have not even received the incentive amount for not burning the crop residue of last year. The government has also started a scheme to encourage farmers who use the DSR method in transplanting paddy. But here also, delays

of the government and agriculture department are being seen. Beneficiary farmers of last year have not received the money from this scheme. Whereas this year's paddy transplanting season has already started. In such a situation, the government itself is disillusioning farmers from its schemes. He said that subsidies are being given on agricultural equipment so that crop residue is not burnt. Tractors are required to run these

agricultural equipment. But the subsidy is not given by the government. Therefore, the government should also include tractors in the subsidy scheme. Animal insurance scheme has been started by the government for cattle rearers. But this scheme is also closed. Diseases in animals increase in the summer season. In such a situation, this scheme should be started again. Kisan Bhawan or Kisan Vishram Grih should be constructed at the district headquarters. There is a need to build an overbridge near villages Harmoul and Sudhal on Panchkula Highway. Accidents are increasing due to its absence. The condition of installing meters in the scheme of increasing voluntary load on tubewell connections should be removed. Compensation for large electricity towers and wire lines installed in farmers' fields should be given on the lines of the Delhi Government.

Special drives held against illegal mining

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNA NAGAR: Special drives are being conducted in Ambala Range against illegal mining activities, suspicious drivers and traffic violators. Under guidance of Inspector General of Police, Ambala Division Shri Pankaj Nain, IPS, special efforts are also being made by Police to dispose of properties seized in various criminal cases. Strict action against illegal mining Yamuna Nagar 2 cases registered against mining mafia, 24 dumpers, 31 tractor-trolleys and 04 JCBs involved in illegal mining were seized. A total fine of Rs. 1,81,35,000 was imposed. Ambala 1 JCB and 04 Tata Hiva vehicles were seized. Police have formed special teams to curb illegal mining activities. Action against suspicious drivers and traffic rule violators. Yamuna Nagar 186 challans were issued for vehicles without number plate, 34 for black film, 84 for drunken driving, 6 for bursting crackers from bullet motorcycle and 2 for red/blue light on vehicle. Ambala 697 challans were issued for vehicles without number plate, 8 for black film, 1 for drunken driving, 4 for bursting crackers from bullet motorcycle and 72 for red/blue light on vehicle. Similarly, Kurukshetra 205 challans were issued for vehicles without number plate, 103 for black film, 51 for drunken driving and 53 for bursting crackers from bullet motorcycle. Police has launched special checking campaign to ensure compliance of traffic rules. Disposal of properties seized in criminal cases Yamuna Nagar 235 properties kept in malkhanas were disposed of, thereby cleaning up government police stations. 212 properties seized in Ambala crimes were disposed of. 259 properties were disposed of in Kurukshetra. Inspector General of Police, Ambala Division informed that this campaign will continue till 15 June.



Global JAM awards to be held under 'corruption-free india' seminar



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: The Anti-Corruption Foundation of India will host the Global JAM Awards Ceremony as part of its national-level seminar on 'Corruption-Free India' at Hotel Noor Mahal on June 15. The announcement was made during a preparatory meeting presided over by National Supremo Narendra Arora. During the event, emerging artist Lavanya presented a hand-made portrait to Narendra Arora as a token of respect. Arora shared that the Foundation has been working across India for the past eight years to raise awareness against corruption and promote lawful practices among citizens. He further revealed that the upcoming seminar is a significant step in that direction, featuring a grand award ceremony to honor individuals who have shown exemplary commitment to anti-corruption awareness. The programme will be graced by Dr Abhishek Verma, a world-renowned business tycoon and National Chief Coordinator of Shiv Sena, as the chief guest. A host of film celebrities, including actress Deepshikha Nagpal, actors Raza Murad, Sudesh Berry, and Kishore Bhanushali, will also attend the event.

Editorial

Bag and baggage

As the ubiquitous cloth bag carried by toiling Indians, the jhola is deemed an inexpensive accessory in this country. But when the same jhola is christened “Indian souvenir bag” and listed for sale on one of the United States of America’s premium shopping websites, it becomes a designer accessory worth over Rs 4,000. If this is causing Bengalis headed to the bazaar with a jhola in hand to do a double-take, they would not be the only ones. For what is being seen and sold as a luxury good abroad has often been an object of derision in India — both bag and its bearer, the ‘jholawala’, as Jean Drèze put it in his book, have pejorative connotations that are used to rubbish the views of naive socialists who refuse to recognise the hard truths of policy-making.

The jhola was not always an object of mockery, though. Its origins are ancient, and even warriors have been known to carry animal-skin jholas. The heyday of the jhola was perhaps the time of India’s freedom struggle when they were perceived as badges of patriotism and pride. Made of khadi and flaunted by M.K. Gandhi and his followers — each marcher to Dandi carried only a jhola with bare necessities with them — carrying these cloth totes symbolised one’s rootedness. Their affordability and functionality meant that almost anyone could use them. This is perhaps why every region in India has its own version of the jhola — farmers in Tamil Nadu have the wire koodai; the working class in Kerala carries the thol sanchi; the jholas of Nagas and the Manipuri people bear elaborate tribal motifs, as do Kutchi jholas that are equally ornate. Its association with the mundane and, consequently, hoi polloi also makes the jhola a potent symbol in the realm of politics. Narendra Modi, facing allegations of being rather cosy with crony capitalists, had described himself as a fakir who would pick up his jhola and leave; the Aam Aadmi Party’s finance minister, Manish Sisodia, had used a jhola to carry his budget speech.

The transformation of the jhola into a chic souvenir is not the only instance of the West’s penchant for cultural appropriation. It is in the same vein as the Kashmiri boota becoming the famed paisley print, the unassuming cheent fabric morphing into the chintz coveted by European nobles, and the material that is used to make the lungi transforming into the widely popular bleeding Madras fabric that was all the rage abroad. This shows that the repurposing of Indian products as an exoticised commodity has been central to global commerce and profiteering down the ages.

Ironically, this economic orientalism also leads to a renewed appreciation for desi things in their native land. For instance, reports show that the sale of jholas has gone up since their appearance abroad.

NASA, ISRO to launch private mission to space with Indian pilot

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) on Saturday (local time)said that as part of a collaboration with ISRO, Axiom Mission 4 will be launched on June 10, the fourth private astronaut mission from Axiom Space, which will be piloted by Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla.Axiom Mission 4 delivers on a commitment highlighted by US President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to send the first ISRO astronaut to the station.

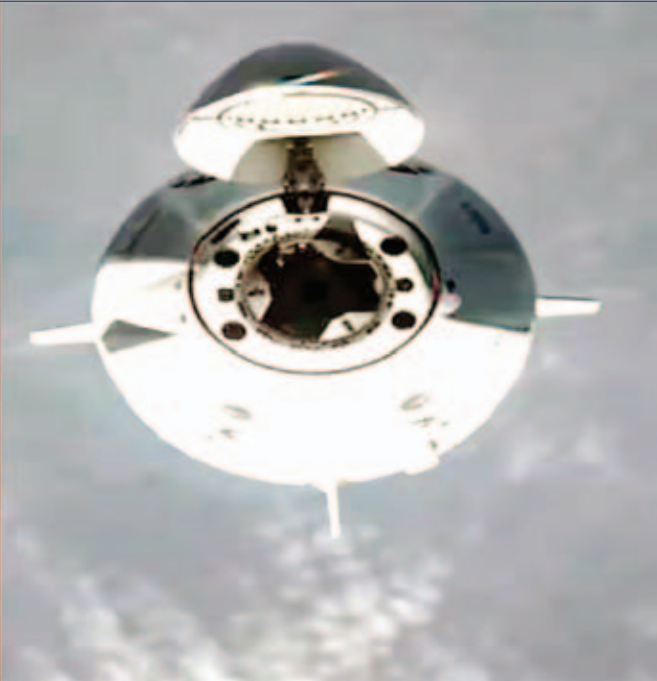
The space agencies are participating in five joint science investigations and two in-orbit science, technology, engineering, and mathematics demonstrations. NASA and ISRO have a long-standing relationship built on a shared vision to advance scientific knowledge and expand space collaboration, a statement by NASA said.NASA, Axiom Space, and SpaceX are targeting 8:22 am (local time), Tuesday, June 10, for launch of the fourth private astronaut mission to the International Space Station, Axiom Mission 4.

The mission will lift off from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The crew will travel to the orbiting laboratory on a new SpaceX Dragon spacecraft after launching on the compa-



ny's Falcon 9 rocket.

The targeted docking time is approximately 12:30pm, Wednesday (local time), June 11, as per NASA.NASA's mission responsibility is for integrated operations, which begins during the spacecraft's approach to the space station, continues during the crew's approximately two-week stay aboard the orbiting laboratory while conducting science, education, and commercial activities, and con-



cludes once the spacecraft exits the station.

Peggy Whitson, former NASA astronaut and director of human spaceflight at Axiom Space, will command the commercial mission, while ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla will serve as pilot.

The two mission specialists are ESA (European Space Agency) project astronaut Slawosz Uznanski-Wis-

niewski of Poland and Tibor Kapu of Hungary.The private mission also carries the first astronauts from Poland and Hungary to stay aboard the space station.

In a post on X, the International Space Station said, "Axiom Mission 4, the fourth private astronaut mission from Axiom Space, is targeted to launch at 8:22am ET, Tuesday, June 10, from NASA's Kennedy Space Center to the orbital outpost."

Literature & Health

Jaishankar's Europe visit to boost strategic ties with France, EU and Belgium

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will undertake an official visit to France, the European Union (EU), and Belgium from June 8 to 14, 2025, the Ministry of External Affairs announced in a press release on Sunday.The visit marks a significant step in further strengthening India's strategic partnerships with Europe.

The EAM will first travel to Paris and Marseille, France, where he will hold bilateral discussions with the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Jean Noel Barrot.The press release stated, "India and France have completed 25 years of strategic partnership. Our relations with France are rooted in deep



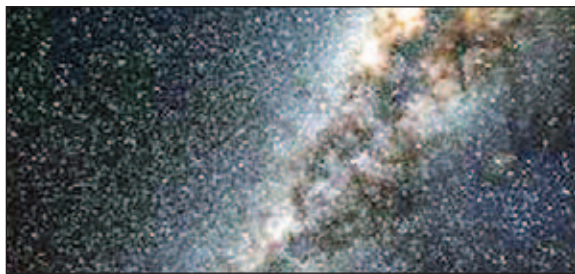
trust and commitment, and our two countries cooperate closely across all domains of strategic and contemporary relevance besides sharing similar outlook on many regional and global issues."During his time in France, Jaishankar will engage with senior French leadership, think tanks, and media. He will also participate in the inaugural edition of the Mediterranean Raisi-

na Dialogue in Marseille.The EAM will hold a Strategic Dialogue with the EU High Representative and Vice President Kaja Kallas.According to the MEA press release, "India-European Union strategic partnership has strengthened over the years across diverse sectors and got a big boost with the first-ever visit of the EU College of Commissioners to India in February this year."

Millions of new solar system objects to be found and 'filmed in technicolor': Study

A group of astronomers from across the globe, including a team from the University of Washington and led by Queen's University Belfast, have revealed new research showing that millions of new solar system objects will be detected by a brand-new facility, which is expected to come online later this year.

The NSF-DOE Vera C. Rubin Observatory is set to revolutionise the knowledge of the solar system's "small bodies" -- asteroids, comets and other minor planets.The Rubin Observatory, under construction on the Cerro Pachon ridge in northern Chile, features the 8.4-meter Simonyi Survey Telescope with a unique three-mirror



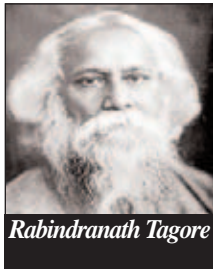
design capable of surveying the entire visible sky every few nights.At its heart is the world's largest digital camera -- the 3.2 gigapixel Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST) Camera -- covering a 9.6 square-degree field of view with six filters, roughly 45 times the area of the full moon.Together, this "wide-fast-deep" system will generate 20 terabytes of data every

night -- creating an unprecedented time-lapse "movie" of the cosmos over the next 10 years, and an incredibly powerful dataset with which to map the solar system.The team of astronomers, led by Queen's University's Meg Schwamb, created Sorcha, an innovative new open-source software used to predict what discoveries are likely to be made.

POEM

Journey Home

The time that my journey takes is long and the way of it long. I came out on the chariot of the first gleam of light, and pursued my voyage through the wildernesses of



Rabindranath Tagore

worlds leaving my track on many a star and planet. It is the most distant course that comes nearest to thyself, and that training is the most intricate which leads to the utter simplicity of a tune. The traveler has to knock at every alien door to come to his own, and one has to wander through all the outer worlds to reach the innermost shrine at the end.

Rabindranath Tagore

Tea, berries, dark chocolate, apples can lead to a longer life span: Study

New research has found that those who consume a diverse range of foods rich in flavonoids, such as tea, berries, dark chocolate, and apples, could lower their risk of developing serious health conditions and have the potential to live longer.The study was led by a team of researchers from Queen's University Belfast, Edith Cowan University Perth (ECU), and the Medical University of Vienna and Universitat Wien.The findings reveal that increasing the diversity of flavonoids within your diet could help prevent the development of health conditions such as type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease (CVD), cancer and neurological disease.Flavonoids are found in plant foods like tea, blueberries, strawberries, oranges, apples, grapes, and even red wine and dark chocolate.Published in Nature Food, the study tracked over 120,000 participants aging from 40 to 70 years old for over a decade.

It is the first study of its kind to suggest that there is a benefit to consuming a wide range of flavonoids beyond that of simply consuming a high quantity.ECU Research Fellow, first author and co-lead of the study Dr Benjamin Parmenter, made the initial discovery that a flavonoid-diverse diet is good for health."Flavonoid intakes of around 500 mg a day was associated with a 16% lower risk of all-cause mortality, as well as a ~10% lower risk of CVD, type 2 diabetes,



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We have known for some time that higher intakes of dietary flavonoids, powerful bioactives naturally present in many foods and drinks, can reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and neurological conditions like Parkinson's," study co-lead Professor Aedin Cassidy from the Co-Centre for Sustainable Food Systems and Institute for Global Food Security at Queen's said."

We also know from lab data and clinical studies that different flavonoids work in different ways, some improve

NEWS BRIEF

Gulshan Saraf assumes Presidency of BJP Qadian, welcomed by party members



VERMA BATALA: Gulshan Saraf has been appointed as the President of the BJP Qadian Mandal. His new role was formally recognized by chief guest and senior BJP leader Anil Vasudev, former Mayor of Pathankot, who presented Saraf with a garland and a Sropa. During the announcement, Mr. Vasudev underscored the BJP's inclusive nature, stating that dedication to the party's ideology is key to advancement, even to the highest office. He advised President Saraf to foster strong relationships with all party members and seek their counsel to fortify the party's base. Saraf assured journalists that he would diligently fulfill his duties, working collaboratively with all sections.

Service lane construction begins on Ambala Cantt ROB: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, JUNE 8

Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labour Minister, Sh. Anil Vij announced that the National Highway Authority has commenced work on constructing a new service lane on the railway overbridge (ROB) in front of Shastri Colony, located along GT Road in Ambala Cantonment. This service lane is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 crore. Once completed, vehicle drivers will be able to cross the overbridge via the service lane without merging onto the main GT Road. Additionally, a new service lane will be built on the overbridge for vehicles traveling from Delhi to Ambala Cantonment, near the Padav Police Station.

Vij held meeting with officials from the National Highway Authority regarding the project and instructed them



to complete the work swiftly. He also directed that the connecting road coming from the Railway Colony under the ROB be constructed as per established standards.

Vij explained that currently, the service lane from Delhi ends in front of Padav Police Station, after which vehicles must merge onto the GT Road to continue toward the bus stand. With the new construction, the service lane will extend beyond Padav

Police Station and connect with the existing service lane section further ahead. Similarly, for vehicles traveling from Ambala Cantonment toward Delhi, the current service lane merges onto the GT Road. Now, a new lane will be constructed over the railway line, connecting with the service lane leading to Shastri Colony. Service lanes on both sides of GT Road will allow local vehicles to cross the railway overbridge without needing to drive on the main

Rs 300 crore will be spent for revival of Saraswati River

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 8

Dhuman Singh Kirmach, Vice President of Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board, said that the government was constructing a big dam in Adi Badri to make the holy Saraswati river flow possible on the earth again. A budget of about Rs 300 crores will also be spent by the government on this project. The important aspect is that this project has now reached the tender stage.

He was speaking at a civic felicitation function organized by journalists and representatives of social and religious organizations of the city at a private palace situated on Railway Road on Sunday. Earlier, State President of All India Patrakar Ekta Sangh Haryana Ashwani Walia, Chief State Patron Dalbir Malik, Vice President D R Bhatnagar, Chief Advisor Rajkumar Walia, District President Surendra Kaushik, Photographer Association Kurukshetra District Secretary



Sachin Aneja, Cashier Vinod Saini, Karna Saini, Ashu, Dinesh from Insiyat Sanstha, Public Cooperation Jitendra Shyokand, Prerna Pradhan Renu Khunggar, Shruti, Harikesh Paposa, Vishwa Hindu Parishad Professor Vivek Sharma, Paramjeet Kalia, BJP Intellectual Cell State Co-convenor Dr. Rishipal Mathana, Phoenix Club Dr. Rajesh Wadhwa, Dr. BR Ambedkar Seva Samiti Bishangarh Pradhan Balbir Singh, General Secretary Rajkumar, Secretary Ravindra Kandara, Member Madan Lal, Sarpanch Amit Kumar, Blood Donors Organization Sumit Khatri, BJP former media in-charge

Vineet Kwatra, SP Kurukshetra PRO Naresh Sagwal, BJP Thanesar Mandal Pradhan Vivek Rawat, Dr. Suresh Sharma Ayush University, Dr. Pankaj Kumar Ayush University, Shtanu Seva Mandal Pradhan Vinod Arora, All India Service and Welfare Committee Rameshwar Saini, Saraswati Colony Welfare Committee, Akhil Bharatiya Vidarthi Parishad, Sanskar Bharti Indian Yoga Institute and other dignitaries associated with many organizations were present. People honored Haryana Saraswati Seva Samiti member Pankaj Arora and Chief Minister's media coordinator Tushar Saini by giving them mementoes.

Citizens should take pledge of 'one person - one tree' to keep environment clean



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Dr. Amandeep Kaur Commissioner of Municipal Corporation informed that with the aim of making the environment clean and pollution free, various types of saplings were planted by the Municipal Corporation in the Gausihala located in Ekta Nagar. In this important work, various officials of 'Gobind Godham Gau Seva Samiti' gave full cooperation and actively participated in this campaign. Everyone took a pledge that this campaign will be continued. Dr Amandeep Kaur said that on one hand, planting saplings in the Gausihala will provide shade to the cattle, on the other hand, this work will also prove helpful in creating a green environment.

Hry govt advancing transparent and simple governance: Dr. Arvind Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JUNE 8

Cooperation, Jails, Elections, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Haryana has witnessed significant transformation through transparent governance over the last 11 years, and Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini is continuously advancing this legacy. Due to former Chief Minister and current Union Minister Manohar Lal's efforts to eliminate nepotism, regionalism, casteism, and corrupt practices like transfer and job rackets, BJP has formed the government in the



state for a third consecutive time. On Sunday evening, during the Karnal Lok Sabha workshop under the campaign "Modi Government's 11 Years: From Resolve to Fulfillment," Dr. Arvind Sharma highlighted the key initiatives undertaken during the one-year tenure of CM

Naib Singh Saini. In his address, he noted that the government formed under Manohar Lal in 2014 brought about crucial reforms and accelerated development-focused governance, and CM Naib Singh Saini is determined to fulfill these objectives.

Environment protection is responsibility of everyone: ACC Adani DAV Barmana School

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JUNE 8

A powerful message echoing the urgency of genuine environmental commitment resonated through the premises of ACC Adani DAV Senior Secondary Public School, Barmana, as Wrl Environment Protection was observed with vibrant enthusiasm and heartfelt sincerity. Barmana Press Club President Kashmir Singh Thakur emphasizing that environmental protection must not remain a ceremonial affair but should reflect through concrete action on the ground. Protection of environment is responsible of each of us, he said. He



highlighted that the growing peril of global warming is no longer a distant threat—it is an immediate concern, demanding active participation from every citizen. Stressing the importance of student involvement, he urged each child to plant at least one tree every year and to nurture it with care, embodying personal responsibility for ecological preservation. The event commenced with a symbolic and vibrant opening at the main gate of the ACC Cement Plant, where students and teachers organized a warm welcome for the chief guest and dignitaries Ranjit Kumar and R.K. Mishra.

Himachal CM's visit to Gagret assembly flop show, says Chaitanya Sharma



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: Former MLA and BJP leader from Gagret assembly constituency Chaitanya Sharma said in a joint press conference with the presidents of both the Mandals that Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh inaugurated and laid foundation stones worth about Rs 75 crore in Gagret assembly, but this entire budget has been received from the schemes of the central government, former Union Minister and current MP of Hamirpur parliamentary constituency Anurag Thakur was not even invited, the Chief Minister says that there have been conspiracies, then he also conspired against the minister in the state government and when I was a Congress MLA, the proposed inauguration and foundation stone laying of the Public Works Minister in Gagret assembly were stopped, the financial condition of the state government has become very bad, the contractors are not being paid on time, due to which development work is stopped in the entire state, on this occasion Ajay Thakur Daulatpur Mandal President, Nitin Thakur Gagret Mandal President, Satish Sharma former Mandal President, District Vice President Pradeep Sharma, General Secretary Atul Sharma, Vikas Dadwal, Pankaj Kaundal, Secretary Ashok Kumar, Spokesperson Ramesh Heer, IT Coordinator Jeetan Kumar etc.

Alumni Meet organised at Post Graduate Government college, Sector-46



BUREAU CHANDIGARH: The Annual Alumni Meet of Post Graduate Government College, Sector-46, Chandigarh was organised. The event served as a platform for former students of various batches to reunite with their peers, teachers, and mentors, and to witness the dynamic transformation the institution has undergone over the years. Principal of the college, Professor J.K.Sehgal expressed his happiness that the alumni had spared their valuable time from their day to day working schedules. Principal Sehgal highlighted the crucial role of such events in the growth and development of the institution. He said that the Alumni Meet was not just an event, but a beautiful homecoming that rekindled memories, inspired actions, and strengthened bonds. A college is merely a concrete structure until it is brought to life by its students, teachers, and alumni, he added. He called upon all alumni to stay connected, mentor students, and contribute to the progress of the institution. It is indeed a matter of pride for PGGC 46 that Bhavit Jain, from the Batch of 2014-2017, who recently cleared the UPSC Civil Services Examination, also attended the meet to express his gratitude to his alma mater.

Road Safety Force reunites the child with his family



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Road Safety Force Handiaya reunited a well-behaved child with his family in a few hours. ASI of Road Safety Force Gurbakshish Singh said that 1 child reached Handiaya from Adisar Gurdwara in an auto. When the auto driver asked him for the fare, the child was unable to tell anything. The auto driver took the child to Road Safety Force Handiaya. Who immediately shared the child's photo on various social media platforms. When this photo reached Handiaya social worker Surjit Singh, he immediately identified him and contacted Road Safety Force Handiaya. Surjit Singh brought the child's mother with him. Binder Kaur reached Handiaya Kainchia. Where her mother Binder Kaur told that she is a resident of Handiaya. Her son's name is Navjot Singh and she runs a shop at Gurdwara Adisar Sahib. She told that Navjot is not mentally well, due to which he got into an auto coming towards Handiaya Kainchia without informing her and reached here.

100 doctors attend CME on Robotic Surgery in Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Over 100 doctors attended CME on Robotic Surgery in Barnala last night. Addressing the CME, Dr. Anupam Goyal, Senior Consultant General Surgery, GI and Robotic Surgery, Max Hospital, Mohali, said, "The field of surgical robotics is evolving rapidly. It is revolutionizing the way surgery is performed and is setting new standards for precision, efficiency and patient outcomes." Dr Goyal said, "Robotic surgery offers several advantages over traditional open surgery and standard laparoscopic procedures. While open surgery requires a larger incision. This type of incision can be more painful and takes longer to heal." He said that surgical robotics has made significant progress in the medical field. Emphasizing the role and future of da Vinci Surgical Robotic Surgery as well as its challenges, Dr. Goyal said, "The future of surgical robotics is very promising. Awareness is needed to highlight the benefits of robotic-assisted procedures.

Ch. Kanwar Pal Gujjar visits NCC combined annual training camp at Jagadhri



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Former Minister and senior leader Ch. Kanwar Pal Gujjar, a proud former NCC cadet himself, paid a visit to the Combined Annual Training Camp of the 14 Haryana Battalion NCC, currently underway at Carrier Defence Academy, Jagadhri. The camp is being conducted under the supervision of Camp Commandant Col. Jarnail Singh and Deputy Camp Commandant Col. Jitender Dahiya. A total of 525 cadets from various educational institutions are participating in this intensive training program. The cadets are being guided and mentored by a dedicated team of Associate NCC Officers, including Maj. Geeta Sharma, Second Officer Neeraj Kumar, and Third Officers Vinod Kumar and Rahul Gautam. The training activities are being further supported by the Permanent Instructional Staff of the Indian Army. During his visit, Ch. Kanwar Pal Gujjar interacted with the cadets, sharing his own inspiring journey as an NCC cadet and encouraging them to pursue excellence in service, discipline, and leadership. He praised the NCC for shaping the youth into responsible and patriotic citizens and emphasized the importance of such training camps in nation-building.

Sweety Ranga honored with Mata Savitri Bai Phule Award



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: On the occasion of completion of seven years of success of Gajab Haryana newspaper, a big felicitation program was organized by Jarnail Singh Ranga, editor of Gajab Haryana newspaper at Dr. BR Ambedkar Bhawan, Sector 8, Kurukshetra. On this occasion, organizations working day and night for education and social work in the society were honored. On this occasion, special invitee Sweety Ranga was also honored with Mata Savitri Bai Phule Samman 2025 by Haryana newspaper and Srishri Educational Charitable Trust. Singh Ranga, chairman of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Education Development Trust said that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Education Trust was always striving for education for poor families and needy girls so that none of our daughters was deprived of education due to financial constraints and the trust was always a pioneer for social work. Today, Sweety Ranga, National President of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Education Development Trust was honored by Gajab Haryana newspaper. Sweety Ranga was given this honour by the respected 1008 Swami Veer Singh Hitkari Ji Maharaj, Mahamandaleshwar most revered Divya Gyan Ratna Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Advocate Swami Gyanmath Gaddi Nashin Chairman Nirakari Jagriti Mission, National Vice President Sant Suraksha Mission Bharat and Chairman Baba Savarnath Charitable Trust Outer Kurukshetra.

Kashyap Community forms Committee for meals and cook at Kapalmochan Dharamshala



R.K. KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI: A meeting of the Kashyap community was held at the Kashyap Dharamshala in Kapalmochan, presided over by Master Chatar Singh Kashyap. Several respected members of the community were present to discuss matters related to the management of the Dharamshala. The central agenda of the meeting was to deliberate on the appointment of a cook (either single or with family) to manage meals at the Dharamshala. It was unanimously decided to form a dedicated committee to oversee the arrangements for food and water for all visitors. Hariom, Junior Engineer, was appointed as the President of this newly formed committee. Tejpal, who has taken on the role of Secretary, informed that the committee will contribute monthly as per members' capacity to cover the expenses of meals, water, and the cook's services. Other committee members include Treasurer Mukesh Kumar, and members Naresh Kumar and Rishi Pal. Prominent attendees at the meeting included showroom sarpanch Joginder Bhedthal, Mukesh from Bilaspur, Sagar (Sarpanch, Ratuwala), Rishi Pal (Milk), Jai Karan (Sarpanch), and Ved Prakash, among others.

Madoke takes over as chairman Ajitwal and Paramjit Singh Buttar of Badhni Kalan Market Committee



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA: Gurmair Singh Madoke took over as the Chairman of Ajiwtal and Paramjit Singh Buttar Badhni Kalan Market Committee today. Deputy Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Shri Jai Krishna Rori, Cabinet Minister Gurmeeet Singh Khudian, Chairman Punjab Mandi Board Harchand Singh Burst were present and congratulated them on the inauguration ceremony. Deputy Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Shri Jai Krishna Rori said that Aam Aadmi Party is committed to giving due respect to its workers. He said that both the newly appointed chairmen Shri Gurmair Singh Madoke (Ajitwal) and Paramjit Singh Buttar (Badhani Kalan) will discharge their responsibilities with dedication and honesty and will give priority to solving the problems of arhtiyas, farmers and laborers with mutual brotherhood. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Mr. Gurmit Singh Khudian said that there are clear instructions from Aam Aadmi Party National Convener Mr. Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann that bribery will not be tolerated at any cost within the party or at the government level.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches Fortuner and Legend Neo Drive 48V Variants

SHIMLA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the introduction of the Fortuner and Legend in a new Neo Drive avatar/grade. Equipped with an advanced 48 Volt system, the new Neo Drive Variants offer improved fuel efficiency, enhanced driving performance, and greater comfort-delivering a more refined experience in urban settings and off-road conditions.

Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, said, "As the SUV market in India grows steadily, customers are seeking advanced features and differentiated styling, both the Fortuner and Legend rise to meet these expectations with their bold design, powerful performance and comprehensive features, catering seamlessly to the needs of diverse users.

Now, the introduction of the new Neo Drive 48V grade in both models marks yet another milestone in our journey. As segment first, it underscores our commitment to delivering ever-better cars that align with evolving customer lifestyles, while also reinforcing Toyota's multi-pathway approach toward carbon neutrality.

Recurrent Headaches, could be an early sign of Brain Tumor: Warn Fortis Neurologists

Amritsar: Headaches are one of the most common neurological problems people face, and they are often ignored as everyday issues. In observance of Brain Tumor Day on 8th June, Neurologists at Fortis Escorts Hospital, Amritsar urged the public not to ignore persistent or unusually severe headaches lasting more than two weeks, as they could sometimes be an early warning sign of a brain tumor, a serious condition that requires timely medical intervention. Dr. Raj Kamal, Director - Neurosurgery, Fortis Escorts Hospital, Amritsar, explained: "Brain tumors often begin subtly, with symptoms that mimic less serious health problems. However, headaches due to brain tumors tend to become more intense over time, resist common pain relief, and may be associated with other neurological signs like memory lapses, speech issues, or personality changes. Any persistent headache lasting more than two weeks, especially if it's worsening or associated with other neurological symptoms should be clinically evaluated. It's crucial not to self-medicate but to seek a doctor's opinion. Early clinical assessment can prevent complications and lead to better management options."

Tata Motors Elevates Driver Comfort, Launches Air Conditioned Cabins and Cows across its Truck Range

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, announces the launch of factory-fitted air conditioning systems across its entire truck range. This significant upgrade spans the SFC, LPT, Ultra, Signa, and Prima cabins, while also extending to cowl models for the first time. Tata Motors also introduces a series of value additions, including power output enhancements, reinforcing its commitment to set new benchmarks in performance and drivability. Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President and Business Head – Trucks, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said, "The introduction of air-conditioned cabins and cows marks a significant step towards building a comfortable working environment for drivers, enabling higher productivity.

Comment by Shkelhar Bhandari, President-SME, Kotak Mahindra Bank

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: "RBI's 50-bps repo cut and 100-bps CRR reduction have provided a vital liquidity boost to the Indian SME sector. These measures would lower borrowing costs and free up more funds in the banking system, enabling better credit access for small and medium enterprises. In the present economic climate, such steps are essential for supporting working capital needs, and encouraging growth and job creation. For SMEs, which form the backbone of India's economy, these monetary policy actions can catalyze recovery, foster resilience, and stimulate investment, innovation, and competitiveness across the sector."

Audience attention is harder than ever to earn- 90% of India's B2B marketers are betting on video to stand out: LinkedIn

Chandigarh: In today's high-stakes, highly complex B2B landscape, new research from LinkedIn reveals that 90% of B2B marketers in India say grabbing audience attention is their biggest campaign worry. And, 62% say that investing in video is imperative to not lose out to competitors. Sachin Sharma, Director, LinkedIn Marketing Solutions, India, says, "With attention spans shrinking and competition intensifying, B2B marketers need more than just creative stories — they need content that grabs eyeballs, earns trust, and drives action. The opportunity lies in pairing high-impact social video with relevant influential voices to turn passive scrolls into meaningful views, and eventually into buying decisions. Our new video solutions are designed to help marketers do just that — cut through the noise while maintaining credibility and authenticity that move audiences towards engagement."

Usha Felicitates Ghazal Chouhan with Best Garment Construction Award at NIFT Graduation Show 2025

DHARAMSHALA: Usha International, India's leading sewing machine brand, felicitated the winner of the 'NIFT Best Garment Construction Award 2025' during the Graduation Show of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) held in Kangra. Since 2000, Usha has annually presented this prestigious award to recognize and encourage budding fashion designers with exceptional talent as they step out into the world to make their mark. This year, the award was conferred upon graduating fashion design students across 15 NIFT campuses nationwide, including New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Gandhinagar, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Kangra, Kannur, Jodhpur, Shillong, Srinagar, and Raebareilly. The best student creations across five disciplines – Accessory Design ('Design Showcase'), Fashion Communication ('DeCO'), Fashion Design ('FashionNova'), Fashion Management Studies ('Bottomline'), and Leather Design ('Leaxotica') – were showcased at the Graduation Show 2025, celebrating exquisite craftsmanship that captured the diverse and evolving design sensibilities of NIFT's graduating cohort. The event was graced by Mr. Shrey Vij, Creative Head and Founder, Brand Philocally, as the chief guest. As part of the showcase, Ghazal Chouhan was honoured with the coveted 'NIFT Best Garment Construction Award 2025', receiving an Usha Janome Altura DLX sewing machine and a certificate of excellence.

NDA will form govt in Tamil Nadu in 2026; people will throw out DMK: Amit Shah

MADURAI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that the NDA will form government in Tamil Nadu as the people of the state will "defeat" the DMK government in the 2026 Assembly election. He also reiterated his demand to the state government for teaching medical and engineering courses in the Tamil language.

"The NDA government of the BJP-AIADMK alliance will be formed here in 2026. I live in Delhi, but my ears are always on Tamil Nadu," Shah said while addressing BJP office-bearers in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

"MK Stalin says that Amit Shah cannot defeat DMK. He is right. It's not me, but the people of Tamil Nadu will defeat you," he added.

The Union Minister said that he expected Chief Minister Stalin to write to PM Modi, thanking him for installing Sengol in Parliament.

"I want to repeat my demand to the Tamil Nadu government that medical and engineering be taught in the Tamil language soon. PM Modi respected Tamil Nadu



by installing Sengol in Parliament, and I expect MK Stalin to write a letter to the PM to thank him for it," he said.

Shah said that before Modi became Prime Minister, there were more deadly terror attacks than in Pahalgam, but there was no befitting reply.

"Our innocent citizens were killed in the Pahalgam terror attack. Terrorists killed them after asking their

religion. Under the leadership of Narendra Modi, our three armed forces entered Pakistan and killed terrorists. There were many terrorists attack before Modi became Prime Minister, but there was no befitting reply," he said.

"After Modi ji became Prime Minister in 2014, the Uri, Pulwama, and now Pahalgam attacks took place. With surgical strike, airstrike, and Operation

Sindoor, we have given a befitting reply to terrorists responsible for these attacks," he added.

Shah thanked the people of Tamil Nadu for their warm response to the Tiranga Yatra, which was held to honour the bravery of the armed forces in Operation Sindoor.

He said that the people of Tamil Nadu will "throw out" the DMK government in next year's Assembly elections.

Deadline for Startup Incentive Schemes extended to September 30, 2025: Rao

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Industries and Commerce Minister, Rao Narbir Singh, said that in today's era of information technology, the state government has implemented the Startup Policy to promote self-employment of youth in the industrial sector. Under this policy, various incentives are provided to startups in the state. Rao Narbir Singh said that the Industries Department has decided to extend the deadline for submitting applications under several schemes – such as Lease Rental Subsidy, Patent Cost Reimbursement, Net SGST Reimbursement, and Reimbursement for Cloud Storage, until September 30, 2025. This extension offers a one-time relaxation to startups that were not able to submit their applications earlier. He encouraged all eligible startups to take advantage of this opportunity, reach out to the Industries Department for guidance, and ensure that they submit their applications within the new deadline.

BJP Assam announces statewide campaign to celebrate '11 Years of Modi Govt'

GUWAHATI : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Assam, has announced a comprehensive statewide campaign titled "11 Years of Modi Government: From Sankalp to Sidhi" to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government.

The announcement was made through an official statement issued by the party's Chief Spokesperson, Manoj Barua.

According to the statement, the campaign would highlight the government's major achievements over the past decade, ranging from poverty alleviation and space exploration to landmark women's empowerment initiatives such as Operation Sindoor.

Assam BJP has noted that this journey under Prime Minister Modi's leadership ushered in a new era of inclusive development, transforming India at both the grassroots and global levels.

In view of the ongoing flood crisis in several parts of the state, the BJP assured that relief and rehabilitation of flood-affected citizens would be prioritised. Campaign activities would initially be launched in non-affected districts, with flood-hit regions included at a later stage as conditions improved.

As part of the commemorative programme, the party indicated that a range of activities would take place throughout June. Press conferences involving ministers, MPs, and MLAs are scheduled for June 10 and 11.

Between June 10 and 20, districts are mandated to host interactive sessions with professionals and stakeholders to promote dialogue on government schemes and developmental progress. Public enrollment camps would also be held in every assembly constituency from June 10 to 20 to facilitate beneficiary registration under various central welfare schemes.

Special emphasis would be placed on ensuring 100 per cent registration of senior citizens under the 'Vaya Vandhana Ayushman Bharat Yojana' through house-to-house outreach. The party further announced that exhibitions

showcasing key milestones of the Modi government would be inaugurated on June 10 at the state headquarters and all district offices. These exhibitions would be open to the public.

In the lead-up to International Yoga Day on June 21, yoga training camps will be held at the Mandal level from June 15 to 20. Simultaneously, community-level discussions (Chaupal Baitahs) will be organised at every Shakti Kendra between June 16 and 20 to educate citizens on the government's 11-year development journey.

On June 5, World Environment Day, a large-scale tree plantation drive was initiated under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam." The BJP reported that elected representatives, party workers, and NGOs had been actively engaged in the campaign. On June 23, Martyrs' Day would be observed at all booths in remembrance of Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee's 60th death anniversary. The party also announced that it would conduct public meetings and seminars across all districts to reflect on the 50th anniversary of the 1975 Emergency declared by the then Congress government, describing it as a dark period in India's democratic history.

Additionally, BJP units are instructed to organise programmes honouring "Defenders of Democracy" who had played a role during the Emergency.

The BJP further informed that the campaign's outreach component would be executed at multiple levels. In major cities, central ministers and national leaders would lead the programmes.

At the district level, state ministers and MPs would coordinate the events. Mandal-level activities would be managed by district leaders, MLAs, Mayors, and local representatives, while Shakti Kendras would host grassroots engagements led by Mandal-level and senior officials.

The party reiterated that this extensive campaign was aimed at highlighting the achievements of the Modi government over the past 11 years and reaffirming its commitment to a developed, inclusive, and self-reliant India.

Guru Purnima Mahaparva is an opportunity to enhance spiritual progress - Shri Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj



PANCHKULA: Thousands of Guru devotees gathered today at Shivdham Ashram built on Morni Hill in Panchkula district. Guru devotees have come from other states of the country including Punjab and Haryana on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima Mahotsav to atone for their sins. Pujya Shri Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj told the devotees present that on Guru Purnima festival, to atone for his sins, to adopt new rules in life, to get a new vision and to organize his daily routine, the devotee goes to his Sadguru and finds an opportunity to renew himself, his life gets strengthened continuously. Param Pujya Maharajshree Ji further said that when we clean the house internally and externally a month before the festival of Diwali, similarly the devotees also refresh themselves and wish for family happiness by visiting Gurudev a month before the Guru Purnima festival and Sadguru blesses them. The program concluded with Guru Pada Poojan and Guru Maha Aarti. The festival was conducted by Acharya Anil Jha Ji who came from New Delhi. The worship was done by Saurabh Gupta, Pradhan, Manoj Shastri, Program Coordinator, Acharya Kuldeep Pandey and N.K. Goyal.

Sanjeev Khanna highlights Modi Govt's achievements in Derabassi meeting

DERABASSI: On Sunday, BJP leader and state secretary of Derabassi assembly Sanjeev Khanna held a meeting with the officials and party workers of 19 wards of Derabassi city under the leadership of Radheshyam. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the achievements of the Modi government on completion of 11 years and to recognize it among every both worker as well as the general public. During the meeting, Sanjeev Khanna emphasized the significant progress made by the central government in various sectors under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. He highlighted the doubling of the number of medical colleges, which has increased the number of doctors in the country and improved health facilities. He also mentioned the government's efforts in providing 17 crore jobs, which has helped reduce unemployment and boost the economy. One of the major topics of discussion was the participation of the Modi government in the Developed India resolution. Sanjeev Khanna praised the government's efforts to make India a developed nation by 2047. He also mentioned the various steps taken by the government to achieve this goal such as Digital India campaign, Make in India and Skill India. He urged everyone to spread awareness about the achievements of the government



and encourage people to participate in the development of the nation. He also encouraged the party members to continue working for the betterment of the country under the leadership of Radheshyam. The meeting concluded with a positive outlook towards the future and a firm resolve to continue supporting the Modi government in its efforts to make India a developed nation. The meeting ended with a new sense of pride and confidence in the achievements of the government among the attendees. Sudhir Kantiwal, Sikka ji, Dutta ji, Rajinder Koshish, Vipin Sharma, Madan ji, Rakhi ji, etc. were present on the occasion who had been engaged in taking the campaign to every home for the last 300 days. S

Maruti Suzuki expands solar capacity by 30MWp with new projects at Kharkhoda and Manesar

SONIPAT : Reinforcing its commitment to enhance usage of renewable energy in its operations, Maruti Suzuki India Limited ("MSIL") announced the expansion of its solar capacity by 30MWp with two new pro-



jects. The Company commissioned a 20MWp solar power project at its new facility in Kharkhoda, Haryana, and added another 10MWp solar capacity to its Manesar facility. With these additions, MSIL's total solar capacity across its locations has enhanced

from 49MWp to 79MWp in the last one year. Besides, the Company is increasing the share of green power sourced from State Electricity Boards for its consumption. These initiatives in solar power and green power will help the Company meaningfully shift its dependence towards renewable energy. Speaking on the Company's green energy initiatives, Mr. Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Aligned with our parent company, Suzuki Motor Corporation's Environment Vision 2050]] and the Government of India's focus

on renewable energy, we are systematically enhancing the use of renewable energy in our operations. By FY2030-31, Maruti Suzuki plans to reach 319MWp of solar capacity, backed by an investment of over INR 925 crore.

Future Generali India Insurance launches a mega tree plantation drive on World Environment Day

NOIDA: This World Environment Day, Future Generali India Insurance Company Ltd.(FGII) is committing itself to a powerful cause of ensuring ecological restoration by turning a harmful environment into a flourishing natural habitat. Under this project, named Responsible Roots, organised in collaboration with Catch Foundation, Future Generali India Insurance will plant one lakh native trees over a period of 4 years at the NSG Manesar Campus. Special scientifically proven techniques will be used, ensuring the growth of dense fast-growing forests. The initiative aims to restore ecological balance and shift the landscape from negative environmental impact to a positive, thriving ecosystem. Responsible Roots aligns with FGII's commitment to climate action, biodiversity conservation, and corporate social responsibility (CSR), ensuring a sustainable and resilient future. Commenting on the initiative, Anup Rau, Managing Director and CEO, Future Generali India Insurance Company Ltd, said, "At Future Generali India Insurance, we recognise our profound responsibility to drive meaningful environmental change and contribute to a more resilient future. India has lost an alarming 2.33 million hectares of tree cover since 2000, with an average annual loss of 668,000 hectares in the past five years alone. These figures serve as a stark reminder of the urgent action required. This World Environment Day, through our latest initiative, we aim to enhance the air quality and mitigate urban heat stress, directly benefiting over 12,000 individuals.

Tata Memorial Centre signs MoU with Wipro GE HealthCare to establish 'Cancer Research & Innovation Centre'

Mullanpur (Ludhiana) : Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), a grant-in-aid institution under the jurisdiction of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, today, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Wipro GE HealthCare Technologies Inc., a leading global medical technology, pharmaceutical diagnostics, and digital solutions innovator, to establish a state-of-the-art Cancer Research & Innovation Centre with Wipro GE HealthCare as the technology partner and TMC as the clinical oncology partner. The collaboration aims to strengthen clinical research and academic engagement activities with the establishment of a Joint Working Group' to determine key project areas and collaboration roadmap for the next five years. In India, around 100 out of every 1 lakh people are diagnosed with cancer and a report from the Cancer Registry Program states the incidence of cancer cases is estimated to increase by 12.8% in 2025 as compared to 2020. The alarming statistics underscore the need for precision-driven, AI-enabled solutions to advance cancer care.

Dr. C. S. Pramesh, Director of Tata Memorial Hospital says, "The government is adopting a strategic, policy-driven approach to fight cancer with the establishment of day care centres, expansion of cancer care ecosystem, promoting cancer screenings



and awareness programmes. However, early detection, equitable access and preventive care remain a challenge. GE HealthCare is a world leader in MedTech and as partners, we aim to enhance clinical

research and promote academic engagement to transform personalized cancer care for improved outcomes cancer care." Chaitanya Sarawate, President and CEO,

Wipro GE HealthCare South Asia says, "In India, the estimated number of incidences of cancer cases was more than 14 lakhs in 2023. With oncology as a focus for us at GE HealthCare, globally, our innovations enable precision-led cancer care through an eco-system of devices and digital solutions powered by AI. We are proud to partner with industry leaders like Tata Memorial Centre, who are among the leaders in the fight against cancer with their expertise in research, service and education, providing comprehensive cancer care to the last citizen. With TMC, we will strengthen our commitment to deliver solutions that connect every step of cancer care right from discovery, diagnosis to treatment, with the integration of advanced imaging technologies and AI-led solutions."

The partnership aims to accelerate the development and validation of emerging technologies and digital platforms in Oncology – on AI-based applications for medical imaging, clinical workflows, hardware and software for advanced-visualization to post-process and analyse medical images. The scope also includes vetted data annotations for application-development, enterprise applications for health informatics and management to drive optimization and transform personalized cancer care for improved outcomes.

Kolkata Thunder Blades beat U Mumba TT in season 1 of Dream UTT Juniors

Ahmedabad : Season 1 of Dream Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Juniors concluded with a thrilling finale that showcased India's brightest U-15 table tennis talent. After two weeks of intense competition between young athletes from across the country, Ritvik Gupta and Swara Karmakar of the Kolkata Thunder Blades emerged victorious in a nail-biting final that ended 5-2. They beat U Mumba TT's Prateek Tulsani and Ananya Muralidharan at the EKA Arena in Ahmedabad on Sunday, as per a press release from UTT and Dream Sports Foundation. The tournament provided a unique platform for junior players to experience professional-level competition and team alongside seasoned athletes, marking a significant milestone in Indian table tennis development. The awards were presented by Vita Dani, Co-promoter, Ultimate Table Tennis, Neel Shah, CEO of Dream Sports Foundation, and Sumit Pandey, COO of the Dream Sports Foundation. Speaking about the tournament, Neel Shah, CEO, Dream Sports Foundation said, "The inaugural Dream UTT Juniors has been a remarkable success, providing our talented U-15 players with an invaluable opportunity to compete in a professional league."

AB de Villiers shares tactical insight ahead of South Africa's maiden WTC final at Lord's

London : As South Africa prepares to play in their first-ever ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final, former Proteas stalwart AB de Villiers gave valuable advice and tactical perspective ahead of the all-important clash against Australia. The final, scheduled to begin on June 11 at the iconic Lord's in London, marks a significant moment for South African cricket as they chase a maiden WTC title. While speaking to Star Sports around the historic venue, de Villiers emphasised the unique challenges posed by the conditions at Lord's, particularly the movement off the pitch and through the air that makes life difficult for batters. "Lord's is a tricky ground to play on. You've got the ball moving around more than most grounds in the world for a longer period of time," de Villiers said. "You're never in, and that's probably my best advice to the batters, to sort of respect the bowlers, whether it's the first over or the 67th over. You're never in, so just respect the game," he added.

UTT season 6: Stanley's Chennai Lions eye breakthrough against Harmeet-driven Dempo Goa Challengers

Ahmedabad : Stanley's Chennai Lions will be searching for their first tie win of the campaign when they take on reigning champions Dempo Goa Challengers in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) season 6 on Monday. Staged under the aegis of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and promoted by Niraj Bajaj and Vita Dani, UTT continues to grow as a premier professional league. All 23 ties, over 16 action-packed days, will take place at Ahmedabad's EKA Arena. Chennai may still be searching for their first tie win of the season, but UTT's distinctive format-where every game matters-Has kept them firmly in the playoff conversation. Despite four straight defeats, Chennai sit fifth on the table, level on points with Dempo Goa Challengers, thanks to narrow margins and consistent game hauls. With an average of 6.5 games won per tie, they remain one of the most dangerous teams in the league-even without a tie win, as per a press release from UTT. Much of that credit goes to Fan Siqi and Payas Jain. China's Fan, who suffered her first loss of the season against Yashaswini Ghoshal in the previous tie, remains one of the league's most dominant paddlers across serve and shot stats.

England Women seal 3-0 ODI series sweep with clinical performance in Taunton

London: England Women, having already secured the series with a 2-0 lead, delivered a dominant all-round display at Taunton to complete a 3-0 clean sweep in the ODI series, as per ICC. After winning the toss and opting to field first, the hosts bundled out the Windies for 106/8 in a rain-marred contest that was cut short to 21-overs-a-side. Led by the skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt, who scored a half-century, England wrapped up a comprehensive win, chasing down the target in merely 65 balls with nine wickets in hand. "That's a great way to finish the series. It has rained a few times in Taunton. We wanted to have a bit more opportunity in the middle, but bowling first and the rain didn't help that," Sciver-Brunt noted on the back of the strong win, as quoted from the ICC. The series against the West Indies marked Sciver-Brunt's first since taking charge of England after Heather Knight stepped down from the role back in March. The seasoned all-rounder stated the importance of providing opportunities to all the players and running different combinations ahead of this year's ICC Cricket World Cup in India, starting 30 September.

Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team defeats Belgium 3-2

AGENCY ANTWERP: The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team kicked off their tour of Europe with a fantastic win against Belgium, on Sunday. The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team won the game 3-2 at the Hockey Center of Excellence, Wilrijkse Plein in Antwerp, Belgium, according to a release from Hockey India.

In what was a competitive contest, it was India who opened the scoring through Geeta Yadav (11'). However, in the second quarter, hosts Belgium equalised through Marie Goenns (25'). Soon after Belgium took the lead as Louise van Hecke (34') found the back of the net.

India came back fighting and it was Sonam (40') levelled things up. India continued to attack, and the pressure paid off as they won a Penalty Corner soon after, which was converted by Lalthantluangi (45'). After that, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team did not let Belgium get another equaliser, and walked away with the win. The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team



will play Belgium next on June 10 in the second game of their European tour.

They will then face Australia at Beerschot Tennis Hockey Padel Club, in Kontich, before wrapping up the tour with a match against the Netherlands at Hockey Club Kampong, in Utrecht, as per a press release from Hockey

India.

In Argentina, the Indian side delivered strong performances against quality opposition. They registered a 2-1 win and a 2-2 (2-3 shootout) loss against Chile, earned a 1-1 (2-0 shootout) win and a 2-4 loss against hosts Argentina, and defeated Uruguay twice -- 3-2 and

2-2 (3-1 shootout). The tour served as an important step in the team's preparations, offering valuable lessons in handling high-pressure scenarios and adapting to different playing styles.

Notably, these matches are also a key part of India's preparation for the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2025, scheduled to take place in Santiago, Chile, in December 2025. Facing strong international opponents in varied conditions will help fine-tune the squad's combinations, build match temperament, and instill the confidence required to perform on the world stage.

Team India kickstarts training, warm-up in London ahead of England series



AGENCY LONDON: India, a new-look outfit under the leadership of newly-appointed red-ball captain Shubman Gill, kickstarted their preparations for the five-match Test series against England, which will start at Leeds from June 20 onwards.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) posted a video on their official handle, showing a glimpse of India's first training session in

London. During the training, the team, including skipper Gill, vice-captain Rishabh Pant and Jasprit Bumrah, were seen doing some warm-up, running, fielding drills and enjoyed some football as well.

The five-test tour of England, starting June 20 at Leeds and lasting until August 2025, is set to be a heavy one for fans and players alike. With senior stars Rohit and Virat having retired from

the longest format of the game, the onus lies on the Shubman Gill-led new-look Indian side to prove themselves away from home in tough English conditions and ensure that Indian cricket is safe. The series will be held from June to August 2025, with matches scheduled at Headingley in Leeds, Edgbaston in Birmingham, Lord's and The Oval in London, and Old Trafford in Manchester.

"Respect goes both ways": Lyon, Maharaj's wholesome exchange ahead of Aus-SA WTC final

AGENCY LONDON Ahead of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC), South African spinner Keshav Maharaj showered massive words of praise for his Australian counterpart Nathan Lyon, thanking him for paving the way for finger spinners of the future. Lyon also gave back some respect, saying that the Proteas veteran is a threat that "does not get spoken about".

Lyon and Maharaj, two of the best spinners of the modern era, will lock horns against each other during the ICC World Test Championship final at Lord's from June 11 onwards. While Australia will be aiming to successfully defend the WTC title by a team for the first time ever, SA will be wanting to lay their hands on what would be their first-ever world championship title in cricket.



Speaking in a video by ICC on Instagram, Maharaj said about Lyon that when he took his 400th Test wicket, he messaged him to congratulate him and laud him for his impact on the

the way with regards to fingerspin and making youngsters believe that it is not only leg-spinners that are wanted out there. I mean, what he has done for Australian cricket and to that bowling lineup is probably beyond words," said Lyon.

Lyon reflected on Maharaj's words and added, "Yeah, that is obviously very kind words from him. I have had some great chats with Keshav, and the respect goes both ways. Each and every one has got their own journey and the way Maharaj goes about it and the shape that he puts on it is incredible in my eyes."

Lyon is Australia's third-highest wicket-taker with 553 scalps in 136 Tests at an average of 30.19, with best figures of 8/50. He has taken 24 five-wicket hauls and five ten-wicket hauls.

Khaleel's quick four wickets puts India A in front against England Lions in 2nd unofficial Test (Day 3, Lunch)



AGENCY NORTHAMPTON : Four quick wickets from pacer Khaleel Ahmed (4/55) undid all hardwork put up by the top order as England Lions suffered a middle-order collapse, ending the first session on day three of their second unofficial Test against India A at Northampton on a poor note on Sunday. England Lions ended the first session at 266/8, with Farhan Ahmed (12*) and Josh Tongue (14*) unbeaten, having brought their side past the 250-run mark following a horror show collapse. They trail India A by 82 runs. England Lions started the three at 192/3, with wicketkeeper-batter Jordan Cox 31*, skipper James Rew 0* unbeaten after 46 overs.

Quick wickets from pacer Khaleel Ahmed put the Lions under sheer distress. Though they crossed the 200-run mark in 47.3, they lost their seven wickets for 229 runs, including Cox (45 in 65 balls, with seven fours), Rew (10), George Hill

(0) and Chris Woakes (5). Max Holden (7), who tried to stitch a partnership with Josh Tongue, also fell to Tushar Deshpande. Lions were 243/8 in 63.1 overs.

England Lions reached the 250-run mark in 64.3 overs.

Tongue and Farhan Ahmed proceeded with the innings, bringing down the deficit under 100 runs. They ended the session without any loss of wickets.

Earlier in their first innings, India had scored 348 runs after being put to bat first by the Lions. A century from KL Rahul (116 in 168 balls, with 15 fours and a six), a half-century from Dhruv Jurel (52 in 87 balls, with seven fours) and notable contributions from Karun Nair (40 in 71 balls, with four boundaries) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (34 in 57 balls, with five fours) put them in a good position.

Woakes (3/60) was the top bowler for the Lions while Tongue and Hill also took two wickets.

He keeps improving day by day...": Finch on Cummins' captaincy ahead of WTC final

AGENCY MUMBAI: Ahead of the ICC World Test Championship final between Australia and South Africa, former Aussie skipper Aaron Finch hailed captain Pat Cummins, saying that he "keeps improving day by day" with his leadership abilities on and off the field. Australia would be aiming to defend their ICC World Test Championship mace, when they take on first-time finalists South Africa at Lord's from June 11 onwards, who are eyeing their first-ever ICC major world title win in senior cricket.

While speaking exclusively to Star Sports, Finch spoke on Cummins' captaincy, under whose leadership the Aussies finished at second spot with 13 wins in 19 Tests, with just four losses. "Pat Cummins' captaincy is outstanding. He keeps improving day after day. He's shown an ability to lead a



team, not just on the field, but off the field. And that is a huge

part of captaining an international team. Your ability to

bring everything together at the right time. His partner-

ship with Andrew McDonald, the coach, has been super for Australian cricket," he said.

Cummins has been the superstar for Australia as a captain, leading them to retaining the Ashes urn against England in the UK after a 2-2 draw, and their first Border-Gavaskar Trophy series win against India after 10 years, preventing a hat-trick of series losses at home to Asiangians.

He led from the front with the ball, being the team's leading wicket-taker with 73 scalps in 17 Tests at an average of over 24. It was under his captaincy that Australia won their maiden WTC mace in 2023, beating India in the final at The Oval, having secured every major trophy in all forms of cricket.

With 20 wins in 33 matches, just seven losses and six draws, Cummins is one of Australia's best Test captains with a win percentage of 60.60.

Finch also spoke on Australia and South Africa having similar bowling attacks in pace and spin alike but giving Australia the edge over the Proteas.

"I think both teams are very similarly matched with their bowling attacks. You look at Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Scott Boland, they are probably the four front runners (in pace bowling) at this stage, along with Nathan Lyon. And then you have got Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen (all pacers) and Keshav Maharaj (as a spinner). So I think they both match up so closely together, but I would give Australia just the edge, having probably played more test cricket as a bowling group in the English conditions," he concluded. South Africa and Australia announced their squads for the World Test Championship Final on Monday, 13 May.



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1. Approval under Regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations/1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations/2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff block for Petition-1, for asset: Replacement of 1X250 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT at 765/400/220 kV Moga (PG) Sub-station with 1X500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT along with associated works at 220 kV level under "Replacement of 1X250 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT at 765/400/220 kV Moga (PG) Sub-station with 1X500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT along with associated works at 220 kV level"

a) 2019-24 block		Rs. In lakhs				
Asset detail	DOCO Completion Cost as on 31.03.2024	2019-2020 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24				
Asset-1 26.05.2023	70.56	AFC approved 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 248.70				
		Revised AFC based on truing up 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 189.35				

b) 2024-29 block

Asset detail		Rs. In lakhs				
Completion Cost as on 31.03.2029	2024-25 2025-26 2026-27 2027-28 2028-29					
Asset-1 3020.59	AFC 317.45 561.61 630.2 625.40 621.66					

4. A copy this notice and of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergrid.in.

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th floor, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Naoroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurugram Date: 09.06.2025

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Lisa Kudrow may avoid 'White Lotus' season 4 over dark themes



WASHINGTON : Lisa Kudrow, known for her iconic role in the popular sitcom 'Friends', has expressed her reservations about joining the cast of HBO's acclaimed satire series 'The White Lotus' for its fourth season. In a conversation with White Lotus star Parker Posey, Kudrow shared her concerns about the show's dark themes. "I do get nervous about inhabiting things that are too dark," Kudrow explained, stating that she tends to avoid such roles, as quoted by E! News. Posey, who played the lorazepam-loving matriarch Victoria Ratliff in season three, encouraged Kudrow to reconsider, joking that a large enough TikTok campaign might persuade her. Despite her hesitation to join White Lotus, Kudrow expressed admiration for series creator Mike White's work, particularly his 2017 film 'Brad's Status' starring Ben Still-er. "I emailed him to let him know, because I had to, it was so good, I had to. I don't do that a lot," she said, adding that she would "love" to collaborate with White in the future.

Zawe Ashton, Tom Hiddleston expecting second child



WASHINGTON : Broadway star Zawe Ashton and Avengers actor Tom Hiddleston have announced that they are expecting their second child together. As per People magazine, the couple shared the news through a pregnancy announcement in a recent interview. Ashton proudly showed off her baby bump at the UK premiere of Hiddleston's 'The Life of Chuck' during SXSW London on June 7. Ashton wore an elegant Emilia Wickstead sky-blue silk crepe gown to showcase her baby bump on the red carpet. This adorable moment marked a special milestone in their relationship, which began when they met while co-starring in the 2019 play 'Betrayal.' The couple welcomed their first child in October 2022 and now looks forward to expanding their family further. Ashton's pregnancy journey has been documented through various events, including her baby bump debut at a movie screening in June 2022.

Sonali Bendre talks about finding peace in reading



Actor and author Sonali Bendre, known for her grace on screen and resilience off it, is also making waves in the literary space. In a candid conversation with a news agency, Bendre reflected on her deeply personal relationship with books and the motivations behind her latest literary offering, 'A Book of Books.' The book, released in collaboration with her thriving online community, Sonali's Book Club, is not a traditional memoir or novel, as she explains it as a celebration of reading itself. "It's essentially a book of recommendations -- books that touched me, inspired me, or simply stayed with me," she shared, adding, "It's an extension of the book club I started eight years ago, one of the largest digital book clubs in South Asia." Bendre began the club as a way to reconnect with her own reading habits, which had taken a backseat amid the responsibilities of motherhood and career. "I had lost touch with books in the hustle of life. The club gave me the structure to come back to it," she said. One of the most striking ideas in 'A Book of Books' is the permission it grants readers, especially those who feel burdened by expectations, to let go of guilt around incomplete books. "There is no shame in not finishing a book," Bendre said, adding, "You don't have to read a book just because it won awards. If it doesn't connect with you, it's okay to move on." She drew from personal experiences, even recalling a moment during cancer treatment when she realised some books, despite their literary merit, were emotionally draining. "I couldn't finish A Little Life. It's a brilliant book, but so sad. My book club members gently suggested I step away from it -- and they were right," she told ANI. Reading habits evolve over time, and so has Bendre's. Once an avid consumer of heavy literature, she admits her preferences shifted post-illness. "I used to read very dark books. Directors like Sooraj ji would tease me on sets, especially during Hum Saath Saath Hain, about my taste," she laughed, adding, "Later, when I was diagnosed with cancer, I understood what he meant. I needed books that healed, not hurt." This transformation is reflected in her book as well, which includes ideas like creating a reading bucket list and finding the right time of day to read and for Bendre, that's the early morning hours, "before the world wakes up." Even in her early acting days, Bendre was known as the one who always had a book in hand, even in the absence of vanity vans.

SRK showers love on daughter Suhana as she shares her new pictures



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan is not an avid social media user, but whenever he posts something on Instagram or X, his digital activity gets viral in no time. On Saturday, his comment under the latest Instagram post of his daughter Suhana Khan caught the attention of his eagle-eyed fans. Adidas India and Suhana shared a couple of pictures as a collaborative post. The post features Suhana flaunting flexible moves in athleisure wear, with Netflix's film 'The Archies' in 2023. It was directed by Zoya Akhtar. If reports are to be believed, Suhana will next be seen in 'King' with her dad Shah Rukh Khan. 'King' was supposed to be directed by Sujoy Ghosh earlier. However, Siddharth Anand, who directed SRK in 'Pathaan', later took over as the director. A few months ago, at an event in Dubai, SRK opened up about King, saying, "I'm not just shooting it here, I'm shooting it in Mumbai now when I go back in a couple of months. My director, who is Siddharth Anand, is very strict. He made Pathaan. So he is very strict. He said, 'Don't tell people about the film, what you are doing in it.'"

ZEE5 unveils new brand identity, Pivots to become A Hyper-Personalized, Language-First Content Platform

CHANDIGARH: ZEE5 today announced a bold new brand identity and strategic shift, reaffirming its positioning as India's foremost homegrown platform. The relaunch marks a pivotal step in ZEE5's evolution, anchored in the promise of "Apni Bhasha, Apni Kahaniyan" (Multiple Languages, Infinite Stories) and a sharper focus on culturally authentic narratives, language driven personalization and cutting-edge technology. With a new visual identity, a reimagined product experience, and language plans designed around India's major languages, ZEE5 deepens its connect with its audiences. This strategic shift is built on three foundational pillars—content, experience, and affordability crafted to meet India's next wave of digital demand. ZEE5's language content strategy will deliver deeply local, emotionally grounded stories inspired by folklore, real-life heroes, and regional legends. Each language mandate will be structured as an individual vertical to ensure authenticity and scale. While the language packs will start at ₹120/month, the Hindi pack (including Punjabi & Bhojpuri content) is priced at ₹220/month. The All Access pack will be available at ₹320/month, and all packs will have Annual pack variants. The upcoming language titles include - Detective Sherdil (Hindi), Chhal Kapat: The Deception (Hindi), Sattamum Neethiyum (Tamil), Mothubaru Love Story (Telugu), Inspection Bungalow (Malayalam), Maarigallu (Kannada), Aata Thambahya Naay (Marathi) and Vibhishan (Bengali) among others.



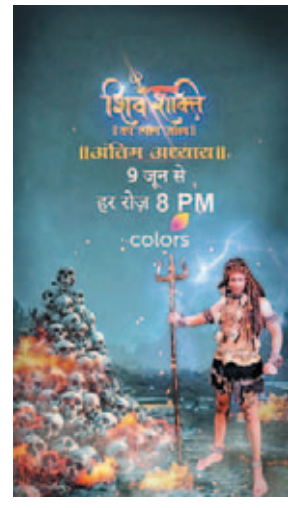
Kartik Aaryan + K-Army = FANtertainment at its best at Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025



CHANDIGARH: Indian cinema took centre stage in a spectacular fashion at the Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025 — a night that celebrated talent, emotion, and the enduring bond between stars and their fans. Among the most talked-about moments? Kartik Aaryan's showstopping, full-throttle performance that redefined stage magic and raised the bar for FANtertainment. Making a dramatic aerial entry from the ceiling, fan-favourite Kartik descended straight into the spotlight, instantly commanding the crowd's attention. He opened with a soul-stirring duet of 'Tu Hi Yaar Mera' with Ananya Panday, their undeniable chemistry setting the tone for a heartfelt yet electric act. But that was just the beginning. What followed was a whirlwind of energy and charisma as heartthrob Kartik hit the dance floor with a troupe of spirited kids- his beloved K-Army. Their playful synergy lit up the stage, adding warmth and joy to the high-octane spectacle. Taking it up a notch, Kartik jumped onto a moving bus that cruised across the arena while he danced to his chartbusters like 'Satyanaas', 'Bhooli Bhulaiyaa 3 title track' and 'Haan Main Kalat', igniting cheers with every beat. Kartik said, "This wasn't just another performance. It was a tribute to everyone who's been part of my journey — especially my fans. Personally for me, dancing with my K-Army was the real highlight. Their energy lit up the performance in a way nothing else could." Seamlessly blending spectacle with sentiment, Kartik's act was a tribute not just to his journey from rising star to box-office mainstay, but also to the fans who made it possible. With his trademark charm, magnetic screen presence, and smooth dance moves, Kartik reminded everyone exactly why he's one of the most loved performers in Indian cinema today. Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025 is co-powered by Maaza, Tresemme, Vicks Cough Drops, Go Cheese, and Dabur Red Paste; with Hell Energy as the Energy Drink Partner and special partners including Balaji Wafers, Cadbury Dairy Milk, Doctor Fixit, and Garnier. Tune in soon to Zee Cinema, Zee TV, and ZEE5 on 7th June 7:30 PM onwards for the biggest night of FANtertainment.

COLORS' 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav' enters its Antim Adhyaay: a divine finale with stories of Rudra Shiv, Pashupatinath, Mahakaali & Martand Bhairav

CHANDIGARH: The cosmic love saga that had mortals glued to their screens is now hurtling toward its Antim Adhyaay! Starring Ram Yashvardhan as Shiv and Subha Rajput as Parvati, COLORS' mythological epic, 'Shiv Shakti - Tap Tyag Tandav', is entering its new chapter. After months of witnessing Shiv and Parvati's intense tap (penance) and soul-wrenching tyag (sacrifice), viewers are now about to watch the ultimate crescendo of tandav. This celestial eruption unfolds in four epic stories, each more intense than the last, tracing the spiritual evolution of Shiv and Parvati's eternal bond — from detachment to devastation, from divine power to transcendental reunion. It begins with Rudra Shiv, where a grief-stricken Shiv cuts himself off from the material world. Detached and overwhelmed, he retreats inward, letting his sorrow fester into unrelenting anger. Through the avatar of Pashupatinath, Shiv rises as the compassionate protector — the lord of all living beings — channeling his rage into purpose, guarding the cosmic balance with profound wisdom. Meanwhile, Parvati awakens to her supreme divinity in the avatar of Mahakaali. Fierce and unstoppable, she embraces her true Shakti, vanquishing evil and confronting every storm that dares to rise within or beyond. And finally, in the most cataclysmic culmination, we witness Martand Bhairav, the blazing incarnation of destruction, becomes the wrathful protector. Grief turns into a divine inferno, consuming darkness, clearing the path for eternal love to rise again. Ram Yashvardhan who essays the role of Shiv says, "The Antim Adhyay is where love meets its fiercest test. This chapter showcases love in its most tormented form—how grief can reshape even the divine. Martand Bhairav isn't just a fearsome form; he represents the ferocity of divine love. When love is dishonoured, even the calmest soul can erupt into righteous fury. That's what makes Shiv's journey so human. And then comes Pashupatinath. He's the ideal ascetic-lover - detached from ego and worldly ties, yet completely capable of a love that's vast, selfless, and transcends all material boundaries."



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